Cherry Blossom Festival Blooms in Cupertino’s Memorial Park
April 28 and April 29, 2012, 10 am - 5 pm

The city would like to invite everyone to the 29th annual Cherry Blossom Festival honoring Cupertino’s sister city relationship with Toyokawa, Japan.

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Earth Day Celebration
Saturday, April 21 from 11 am - 3 pm,
Civic Center Plaza

Jump start your spring vacation by attending an event sure to inspire eco-elation among your whole family.

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Accepting Applications for Distinguished Artist and Emerging Artist Award

The Cupertino Fine Arts Commission welcomes applications for the 2012 “Distinguished Artist” and “Emerging Artist.”

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The festival offers a wide selection of Japanese food and beverages, entertainment, demonstrations, cultural exhibits, art, crafts and clothing for sale. A special children’s section will feature activities, hands-on arts & crafts, and a petting zoo.

During the festival, a series of indoor cultural displays and demonstrations will be featured in the Quinlan Community Center. Other cultural exhibits and demonstrations include Bonsai, doll making demonstrations, Ikebana, Suiseki (Japanese rocks), Origami, Shodo (calligraphy), Japanese swords, and Sumi-e (brush painting). Outdoor displays will include a “Kidz Zone” with games, a petting zoo, koi fish, and Akita and Shiba Inu dogs show.

All-day outdoor entertainment takes place in the park amphitheater. Among the scheduled events are Taiko groups, Japanese dancers, various martial arts, children and adult musical performances.

Food and drink offerings will include gyoza (meat in Japanese pastry), chicken salad, tempura, yakisoba, mochi, teriyaki hot dogs, fruit-on-a-stick, teriyaki chicken with rice in a bowl, shave ice, coffee, smoothies, beer, sake, plum wine, sodas, bottled water and lemonade.

Craft booths throughout the park will offer a wide variety of items for sale, including cards, paper sculptures, pottery, jewelry, washi eggs and dolls, Japanese antiques, clothing, paintings, candles, photos, woodwork and T-shirts.

The 200 cherry trees and the two traditional lanterns at the park were gifts to the City of Cupertino from Toyokawa. As this year marks the 100 year commemoration of the Japan’s gift of cherry trees to Washington D.C., there will be a special ceremony on Saturday at 1 pm. The Consulate General of Japan will present an additional cherry tree to the City of Cupertino.

The festival benefits the nonprofit Cupertino Sister City Committee, which promotes friendship and conducts an annual student exchange program with Toyokawa, Japan. Local nonprofit organizations that support services for disadvantaged, youth sports, student service groups, music and language programs will have booths with a variety of activities.

Parking is available at nearby De Anza College. Purchase a one-day parking permit for $3.00 from machines in the lot. For more info and detail program about the Cherry Blossom Festival, call festival coordinator, Asif Kausar at 408.940.5287 or visit www.cupertinotoyokawa.org.

### Earth Day Celebration, continued from page 1

**Explore, Engage & EcoAmplify @ the 2012 Earth Day Celebration**

**Saturday, April 21 from 11 am – 3 pm, Civic Center Plaza**

The City of Cupertino is celebrating its 4th Annual Earth Day Festival on Saturday, April 21 from 11 am – 3 pm in Civic Center Plaza (by the Library’s main entrance). Come join 3,500+ of your friends, relatives, neighbors, and peers who’ll come together to explore new and fun ways to protect our local and global environment. In addition, 100+ partners (including jazzy musicians, talented artists, culinarians, eco-superheroes and environmental superstars) will be on hand to provide delicious food, lively entertainment, hands-on activities and educational booths to engage adults and kids alike. From learning how to compost to understanding more about solar technologies to planting a native garden, there’ll be something for everyone. We invite YOU to explore the many programs offered by the City of Cupertino and its environmental partners to create a healthy, safe and environmentally vibrant community for you to live, learn, work and play. See you on the 21st!
There is a cash award of $500 for the winner in each category. The application deadline is Friday, May 18, at 4:30 pm. Forms are available from the City Clerk’s Office, 10300 Torre Ave., Cupertino, 95014, or on the website at www.cupertino.org/distinguishedartist.

For more information call Kimberly Smith at 408.777.3217, or send email to kimberlys@cupertino.org.

The Fine Arts Commission’s purpose is to foster and encourage artists while preserving and advancing the arts for the benefit of the residents of Cupertino. Each year the Commission presents an award to one or more deserving artists in recognition of local talent.

The Emerging Artist Award, for those 30 or younger, was established to encourage and recognize younger artists with artistic promise. The Distinguished Artist Award is for those 31 or older; whose work displays merit and excellence.

The candidates must practice their art in Cupertino, or be residents and/or students in the community. Both performing and visual artists will be considered. Awards will be presented in the fall. For more info and past recipients, visit www.cupertino.org/distinguishedartist.

Cupertino Poet Laureate Poetry Reading

The third and final event in the “Winter Light” coffee shop poetry reading series is scheduled for April 5, 2012, 7 pm, at Bitter+Sweet in Cupertino. Hosted by Cupertino Poet Laureate David Denny, including live music, readings by featured local writers, and an open-mic, it will be a celebration of creativity in our community. Please visit Cupertino Poet Laureate on Facebook for details and updates on this and all Poet Laureate events and activities. The April 5 reading will feature Denny and guest poets Nils Peterson, Kelly Cressio-Moeller, Bob Dickerson, and Jennifer Swanton Brown.

The event is sponsored by the City of Cupertino, the Cupertino Library Commission, the Cupertino Library Foundation, and the Friends of the Cupertino Library.
Electrical Safety at Home

Electricity in the home is something we take for granted as being safe and not a threat to our lives. Yet, according to the US Fire Administration, nearly 40,000 electrical fires take 360 lives each year. Even though the electrical wiring in homes are installed to strict codes and have protective devices such as circuit breakers, fuses, and ground fault interrupters, a fire due to faulty electrical wiring can still occur. Electrical wiring is subject to corrosion, aging, and just jarring loose with age. Heating, lighting, and cooking activities also are a cause of home fires.

Here are a number of things you can do to help reduce the likelihood of a home electrical fire.

• Check your wall outlets to see if they feel insecurely mounted or show black soot from arcing. If you find these conditions, have a licensed electrical contractor repair or replace the outlet.
• Never overload wall outlets or circuits with too many high wattage appliances at once. Read the wattage rating on heaters, hair dryers, countertop electric cookers, etc. and know how much wattage is too much for that particular circuit. If you trip a circuit breaker, unplug appliances on the circuit before resetting it.
• Always check the wattage rating written on the base of a lamp fixture to make sure you are not installing a light bulb that is too big for the fixture.
• Use extension cords with three prong plugs for those electrical plugs accepting them. Check all extension cords for frayed insulation or loose plugs. Never pull an electrical cord out by the wire, always grasp the plug and pull.
• Never run extension cords under rugs or across places where they could be tripped on or get damaged.
• Keep electric heaters and work lights a safe distance from combustibles and never hang clothes to dry over an electric heater.
• Never let children play with or around wall outlets or electrical cords. Use safety covers or childproof plugs in unused outlets.
• Clean out the air vents of electric dryers regularly. A clogged vent could cause a fire.
• Visually look at the connection from the main power poles to your home and look for damage to the line. This will normally occur where it may rub on trees or tall shrubs. If you see signs of damage or charring contact PG&E to inspect it.
• Never use a metal ladder near an electrical line into your home. Also, be aware of electrical lines when trimming trees or shrubs.

Upcoming Public Training Sessions:

Earthquake Preparedness and Home Safety

Get your group, club, organization, or friends together (8 or more) and request a FREE one hour presentation from Cupertino Office of Emergency Services. This class can come to you at your home, office, church, club or we can host it at Cupertino City Hall. You will learn how to prepare for an earthquake, stay safe during an earthquake, and cope afterward. Also, you will learn valuable tips on how you can be safe at home during other disasters and about general home safety. Contact the Cupertino Office of Emergency Services (OES) at 408.777.3335, or email OES@cupertino.org for more information, or to request a class for your company, group or organization. Schedule your class now!

FREE! West Valley Personal Emergency Preparedness (PEP) Course, 3 hours, Wednesday, April 11, 6 – 9 pm, Cupertino City Hall, EOC, 10300 Torre Ave, Cupertino.

Learn how to prepare to be on your own for several days after the next large disaster.

Training includes disaster supply kit, home and workplace preparedness, treating life threatening conditions, fire prevention, fire extinguishers and hazardous materials. For registration or questions contact stephanie.morrison@cnt.sccgov.org or 408.341.4422.

Please provide your full name, e-mail address, phone number and city of residence or workplace in the West Valley.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) April 26, May 3, 10, 17 & 24 (Thursday evenings, 6 – 9 pm) and May 26 (Saturday morning, 9 am - 1 pm), Saratoga Senior Center (Saunders Rm), 19655 Allendale Ave, Saratoga.

Learn to be part of the disaster response solution. This is an intensive training session on preparedness and helping others during a disaster. Must be able to attend all classes for graduation. The cost is $35 for all classes. If you have questions contact: miguel.grey@cnt.sccgov.org or 408.341.4486. For registration: www.cupertino.org/emergency.

If you do only one thing to prepare this month…

Check all of your home electrical cords, extension cords and outlets for signs of damage. Repair or replace any frayed, broken or burnt cords and outlets.
Going through old files often turns up unexpected surprises. Recently a copy of a letter written 106 years ago turned up on the bottom of a file box. Since April is Earthquake Preparedness Month, it seemed appropriate to share some of this long-forgotten letter. It was written on May 1, 1906 from Vallejo. I don’t know where or to whom the letter was sent.

Dear Folks, May 1, 1906

Yours of the 25th (blurred word) is at hand and in reply, will beg to be excused for not writing before but owing the excitement (in April) we have not been able to do anything but look out for our own safety. I was anxious to have Sina write but she was so excited and nervous that about all she wanted to do was to get out of the house and stay out. Our house pretty near fell over but is still standing and is not safe to live in. We had 86 earthquakes within one week, and enormous loss of life and property which will never be replaced. A number of my old friends were killed. There was about as many people that went insane as there was got killed. The insane are worse off than those that were killed. The newspapers are trying to keep everything quiet as possible so as not to frighten money away from San Francisco. The result is that the truth is not told. The papers claim that there was only a few hundred people killed in San Francisco and the truth is that there was over 500 people killed in Chinatown. There was 70 telephone girls killed in one building, there was 2 different hotels which had over a hundred people killed in each one. Insane asylum had 110 killed, a large number of lodging houses fell and killed everybody in them to say nothing about all the firemen and policemen that were killed by dynamite and fire and falling buildings......there was over 30 babies born in Golden Gate Park the first day with no nurses, doctors or care of any kind......there was no water to drink and people were choking with thirst had to drink beer, whiskey or wine, the result was a good many got drunk and left lying on doorsteps......all people thought about was saving their own lives, had no time to save others......I joined the Red Cross and went to San Francisco to help. I saw the City before and after and know a good deal about it as it is my old home...there was quite a number of other cities destroyed all around us and we think we were pretty lucky as we were just about in the center of it all......thank God we were saved....hundreds of businessmen in San Francisco that were worth from $100,000 to $10,000,000 on the 17th of April that are poorer today than we are. I will send you one of our newspapers so you can see what is going on out hear (sp) but you will see how the rich people are trying to hide the awful loss of life and property they own (blurred sentence)

We have got a book of different views of California which is for Louis Johnson’s wedding present (better late than never) almost every building and picture in the book is ruins now. The largest picture shows about 1/3 of San Francisco, all of that picture and 3 times as much is destroyed. We are going to try to sell our home and go to Southern California just as soon as possible we are afraid of volcanoes.

Hoping this will find you all well, I will close... after you have looked at the book, please give it to Louis as it belongs to him.

Yours truly, E. H. Cook

I have no information on the author of this old letter but his account of this great tragedy is very moving. There has always been controversy about the number of people who perished in the 1906 earthquake and how newspapers reported on the earthquake and fire and the chaos that ensued.

Cupertino has earthquake preparedness programs available to all its residents. Residents can contact Cupertino Office of Emergency Services at 408.777.3335, or visit cupertino.org/emergency to seek information about how to prepare for and survive earthquakes.

Wishing all in Cupertino a happy spring and very blessed Easter.
The Cupertino Library will be closed on the following dates:

- Friday, March 30: Cesar Chavez Day
- Sunday, April 8: Easter
- Monday, April 9: Library building improvements
- Tuesday, April 10: Library building improvements
- Wednesday, April 11: Library building improvements

Programs for Children & Families

**STORyTIME SCHEDULE**

**Cupertino Library Story Room**

**Bedtime Stories** (3½ years and up)
Tuesday at 7 pm

**Baby Storytime** (for non-walking babies)
Tuesdays at 11:30 am - registration is required

**Stories for Ones** (for walking babies under 2 years old)
Wednesdays at 11:30 am

**Stories for Twos** (for children 1½ to 2½ years old)
Thursdays at 10:15 am

**Stories for Threes** (for children 2½ to 3½ years old)
Wednesdays at 10:15 am

**Stories for Fours** (for children 3½ to 4½ years old)
Tuesdays at 10:15 am

**Stories for Fives** (for children 4½ to 5½ years old)
Mondays at 4 pm

**LIBRARy DETECTIvE: FACT OR FICTION?**

For students in 4 - 8 grades
Pick up your cluebook at the Children’s Reference Desk. Complete a different question each month and earn a Library Detective sticker.

**READING BUDDIES**

Sign up to read to a therapy dog or cat! Children currently in kindergarten to 5th grade may register in person at the Children’s Desk in the Library starting Monday, April 23 for one of our May Reading Buddies programs. For more information, please call the Children’s Desk at 408.446.1677 x3321.

**CUPERTINO CINEMA CLUB**

Thursday, April 12, 4 pm

**Cupertino Library Story Room**

School-aged children are invited. Patrons may call 408.446.1677 x3321 for the free movie title. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Cupertino Library.

**COME’N’COLOR!**

Tuesday, April 17, 1:30 – 3 pm

**Cupertino Library Story Room**

Have fun coloring some of the Library’s coloring pages! For more information, please call the Children's Desk at 408.446.1677 x3321.

**CELEBRATE NATIONAL POETRY MONTH, APRIL 1 - 30**

Teens are invited to enter this year’s Poetry Contest. One winner from middle school and high school will walk away with a cash prize. To obtain an entry form, please visit the Cupertino Library Teen Area or www.sccl.org/cupertino/CUteen.html

**TEEN POETRY BOOTCAMP**

Wednesday, April 18, 3:30 - 5:30 pm

**Cupertino Community Hall**

Come learn about poetry in music, lyrics, pop culture, and literature. In this workshop you will receive coaching from professional teachers to create a piece of writing and share it in front of an audience. Sign up online at www.sccl.org/cupertino/CUteen.htm

**TEEN BOOK DISCUSSION**

Friday, April 20, 2 - 3:15 pm

**Cupertino Library Story Room**

Space is limited to 15 teens, grades 8 and up. Sign up in person at the Adult reference desk on the second floor and pick up your book beginning on March 20. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Cupertino Library

**MONEy TALkS FOR TEENS – HUNGER AT-tACK**

Dr. Susan Algert, UC Cooperative Extension
Saturday, April 21, 3:30 – 4:30 pm

**Cupertino Library Story Room**

This Money Talks workshop is called Hunger Attack and will show you how to develop healthy habits that can also save you money! You will investigate how the food you select affects the amount of money you spend and your health. Sign up online at: www.sccl.org/cupertino/CUteen.html
Programs for Adults

Bells and Whistles: Bay Area Railroads Exhibition
January 3 – June 30
Cupertino Library Second Floor
Join the Cupertino Library, the Cupertino Historical Society and the Cupertino Library Foundation for the Santa Clara Valley History Collaborative exhibition: Bells and Whistles: Bay Area Railroads.

The Passionate Olive: 101 Things To Do With Olive Oil
Sunday, April 1, 2 - 3:30 pm
Cupertino Community Hall
Local author Carol Firenze will teach you how to taste olive oil and recognize the different positive attributes of extra virgin olive oil (EVOO). Three olive oils will be tasted, compared and contrasted including 2 certified, true EVOOs and one supermarket brand. Tips will be given on how to ensure you are buying good, quality EVOO. Sponsored by the Friends of the Cupertino Library.

Special Event: Planetree Health Information Center Lecture Series
Conducted in Mandarin
Sunday, April 15, 2 pm, Sunday, May 6, 2 pm
Cupertino Community Hall
Peggy Lu, M.D. presents “Breast cancer prevention and treatment” on Sunday, April 15, and “Protecting and caring for your skin” will be the topic for George Hsieh, M.D. on Sunday, May 6. All talks are free and useful health handouts and light refreshments will be provided. The health lectures are co-sponsored by the PlaneTree Health Information Center at the Cupertino Library and the S. Ku Foundation.

Adult Book Discussion Group
Thursday, April 19, 7 - 8:30 pm
Cupertino Library Story Room
This month, the Cupertino Library Adult book discussion group will read and discuss Johanna Moran’s novel The Wives of Henry Oades. After the abduction of his family by Maori kidnappers in the late 19th century, Henry Oades makes a new life in California—only to learn later that his original family has survived. Sponsored by the Friends of the Cupertino Library.

Dollars & Sense: Saving & Planning for College
Monday, April 23, 7 – 8:30 pm
Cupertino Community Hall
This workshop covers money management, making college a reality and transitioning from parents’ insurance policies to one’s own. It is presented by the California CPA Education Foundation (CalCPA) and is supported by a grant from the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority Investor Education Foundation (FINRA).

Also at the Cupertino Library

Knitting at the Library
Every Tuesday from 4 – 6 pm
Cupertino Library Story Room
Bring your needles and yarn to the library every Tuesday and join the drop-in knitting program. Knitters of all skill levels and ages are welcome.

For Your Information:

The Friends of the Cupertino Library Book Sale
The next used book sale will be held at Community Hall on Saturday, May 12, 2012 and Sunday, May 13, 2012

The Friends of the Cupertino Library Bestseller Collection
Funded by the Friends of the Cupertino Library, the Bestseller Collection is a special browsing collection, designed to make it easier than ever to find a bestseller when you visit the Library. The books are available on a first-come, first-served basis (no reserves). All titles check out for one week.

Databases and Research Tools
Santa Clara County Library subscribes to online databases for adults and children, on a variety of subjects, including business, science and literature. Go to the library’s webpage at www.sccl.org and click on Electronic Library 24/7, and enter your library card and PIN number to access a database. You can research your family history using Heritage Quest, access full-text product reviews from Consumer Reports, search the Encyclopedia Britannica Online, and much more. If you have any questions about the databases, please call the Reference desk, at 408.446.1677.
Spring is in full swing and the balmy weather beckons! The Senior Center is partnering with spring to help you shed your winter cocoon—we have planned many fun activities and informative lectures. Our welcome mat is out!

**New class**

**VivAsia Lotus Dancercise Class**  
**Monday, April 2 - May 21, 5:30 - 6:20 pm**  
Designed specifically for the 50+ group, this easy and fun aerobic dance class explores many vibrant Asian cultures through dance, music, and props. Join the class for health, fitness, and culture. Member fee $45

**VTA Photo Session**  
**Friday, April 6, 10 am**  
Valley Transit Authority will take photos for the Regional Transit Connections (RTC) Discount Card. No appointment is necessary. $3, Must be 65+

**Monthly Social and Birthday Bash**  
**Wednesday, April 11, 12 pm**  
Swing with the sounds of the Dick McConville Swing Quintet. Dancing optional. Enjoy your choice of shrimp or chicken salad with bread and fruit. Members with an April birthday will be honored. $8 for members, add $5 day pass for senior guests.

**Drumming For Health**  
**Wednesday, April 18, 1:30 - 3 pm**  
Come and experience the healing rhythms of the drum beats, the vibrations may enhance your self-healing. Arlene Goetze is a certified facilitator. Drums are provided, but if you have a small drum, please bring it to the event. Members free, $5 day pass for senior guests.

**Fun Sites Around the Bay**  
**Thursday, April 19, 3 - 4 pm**  
Join us for a seminar presented by Bay Area Older Adults (BAO), a nonprofit organization, which hosts a free, easy to use website with information about over 1,500 activities. It is a wonderful resource for fun and healthy adventures right in your own backyard. Members free, senior guests pay $5 day pass. Please sign up at lobby table.

**Memory Loss, Dementia and Alzheimer’s disease: The Basics**  
**Monday, April 23, 10 - 11:30 am**  
Presented by the Alzheimer’s Association, the speaker will discuss the differences between normal aging, dementia, Alzheimer’s disease, and related disorders; also diagnostic process and disease management. Open to the public. Please sign up at lobby table.

**Healthy Meal Supper Group**  
**Monday, April 30, 5:30 - 7 pm**  
Stuffed artichokes, spinach lasagna, and bananas Al Forna.  
Trying to lose some weight while saving time on cooking? Healthy Eating with Berna has some fun, new recipes that are very low-fat and very easy to cook and bake. Learn healthy cooking and have a delicious meal. Materials included. Member fee $40 each night

**Cooking with Suzanne Lemon Dishes with a Twist**  
**Wednesday, April 25, 10 am - 1 pm**  
Chef Suzanne is inviting you to create some zesty lemon ideas and dishes in this class. Enjoy a menu of Red Lentil and Lemon Soup, Rosemary and Honey Roasted Chicken with Lemon, Lemony Roast Potatoes with Gremolata, Baby Greens with Broiled Meyer lemons, Sparkling French Citron Presse Lemonade, and Lemon Crème Brulee. Bring your lemons to class if you have plenty to share. Member fee $55

**Movie of the Month**  
**Wednesday, April 25 - 1:30 - 3:30 pm**  
Moneyball (2011) Based on a true story of Oakland A’s general manager Billy Beane, he put together a baseball team on budget by employing computer-generated analysis to draft his players. Lemonade and popcorn will be served. Members free, senior guests pay $5 day pass.

**Sing-A-Long**  
**Wednesday, May 2, 1:30 - 2:30 pm**  
Bob Yee will play guitar and ukulele to encourage members to sing popular songs and old favorites. Light refreshments. Members free, senior guests pay $5 day pass. Sign up at the lobby table.

**Cupertino Senior Center Volunteers Honored**

Congratulations to the Cupertino Senior Center for winning California Park and Recreation Society’s, (CPRS), Award of Excellence for the annual Hidden Treasures Event held in October. This event raised $12,500 in five hours for the Case Manager’s Emergency Assistance Program and was chaired by three very dedicated volunteers, Kim Vogel-Matsuno, Evelyn Phoa, and Gayle Gustafson. Over forty senior center volunteers helped put this event on, making it so successful. The senior center will begin collecting items in August for this year’s event to be held in October 2012.

Congratulations to Joyce Baron for winning a CPRS Volunteer Citation Award for 730 hours of volunteer service at the Cupertino Senior Center.
Computers Classes

Are you a grandparent tired of asking your kids or grandchildren how to use the computer? You will enjoy learning how to take full advantage of your computer whether it is a PC, Mac or even an iPad, we have a class for you! www.cupertino.org/senior

Beginning PC – Enjoy learning how to use your computer with us as you will master the fundamentals in the Beginning PC class. 4/3 - 5/15, Tuesdays, 10 am - 12 pm, Senior Center Members $35

iPad, iPod, iPhone, I'm Lost! – Geared for those who want to be able to take full advantage of the iPad and other apple mobile devices. 4/13 - 4/27, Fridays, 9 - 11 am, Senior Center Members $22

Social Networking – Enhance your knowledge of many of today’s essential social networking websites including Facebook, Google+, Twitter, and Yelp, among others. 4/16 - 4/30, Mondays, 3 - 5 pm, Senior Center Members $22.

ADULT 50 PLUS TRIPS

Call the Senior Center at 408.777.3150 for reservations or more information on any trip.

TOURS

Discover Oregon’s Best, July 16 - 22, 2012, $2453 double occupancy
Come enjoy Oregon’s pristine, beautiful coastline, see miles of diverse terrain that changes from rugged cliffs to evergreen forest to Sahara-like dunes and boundless sandy beaches. Take in the best of the Ashland Shakespeare Festival, and expansive tour of Crater Lake, the exciting sights and sounds of downtown Portland, and an unforgettable journey through the Columbia River Gorge.

Cruise the Mediterraen in Luxury Venice to Monte Carlo, August 6 - 16, 2012, From $5840 double occupancy, includes flights
Silversea’s offers ultra-luxury cruising in all-suite cabins with personal butler service on a small ‘yacht-like’ cruise ship! Highlights include Venice, Dubrovnik, Bari, Sicily, Sorrento, Bonifacio, Monte Carlo, and 5-star service. Join us for the trip of a lifetime! Please call 408.777.3150 for information. Space is limited.

Gems of the Sierra, September 10 - 14, 2012, $1145 double occupancy
Sequoia, Kings Canyon, and Yosemite National Parks will be some highlights of this trip including Mono Lake, Tioga Pass, and Tuolumne Meadows.

DAY TRIPS

Steinbeck Footprints, Thursday, April 12, $98 includes lunch
Petaluma River Experience, Wednesday, April 18, $118, includes lunch
CSI: San Jose, Monday, April 23, $83, includes lunch
Out-to-Lunch Bunch, Jakes of Saratoga, Thursday, April 26
Swingtime – Big Bands CA Pops, Sunday, Sunday, April 29, $115 includes lunch
Golden Gate Fields, Friday, May 4, $78, includes lunch
Pebble Beach and 17-Mile Drive, Tuesday, May 8, $120 includes lunch
Greystone Culinary Institute and Oxbow Market - Napa, Thursday, April 26, $118 includes lunch
Redwood Canopy Tour by Zipline, Tuesday, May 29, $154 includes lunch
Gardens Galore, Thursday, June 21, $87

“Share Discovery Through Travel”
Free Cupertino Compost Class, Saturday, May 5

Free “how-to” backyard compost workshop at Cupertino’s Community Hall, 10300 Torre Ave, Cupertino, Saturday, May 5 from 10 am – 12 pm. To register, please call Recology at 408.725.4020. For future compost classes, visit www.reducewaste.org/classes. Cupertino residents attending a compost workshop will receive a free Home Composting Bin within two weeks after the class. Only one compost bin per household.

Creek Clean Up Event, Saturday, May 19

The City of Cupertino will be hosting a community cleanup on Saturday, May 19, from 9 am to 12 pm at Creekside Park, 10455 Miller Avenue, Cupertino. Volunteers and City staff will clean up areas surrounding Calabazas Creek, which runs along Creekside Park. Gloves, trash grabbers and other tools will be distributed. Volunteers are encouraged to dress for safety; wear old shoes, rain boots or equivalent, long sleeves, pants and sunscreen. Free refreshments will be offered. Do something good for your community and have fun, make it a family event! To register to participate in Cupertino’s Creek Cleanup Day, please contact the Public Works at 408.777.3354, or visit the City’s website at www.cupertino.org.

Environmental Recycling Day & Document Shredding Event, Saturday, May 19

The next Environmental Recycling Day & Document Shredding Event will be held on May 19 from 9 am - 1 pm at De Anza College, parking lot “A”. The City of Cupertino & Recology offer this free drive-through, drop-off service for Cupertino residents at least twice a year to encourage extended use of products and to prevent valuable resources from being sent to the landfill. Accepted items are: Electronic Waste (i.e., computers, monitors and printers), U-Waste (batteries, cell phones, CFLs and fluorescent tubes), reusable furniture, clothing (for donation; no dirty, stained or torn furniture, and no mattress-es), and residential documents (for confidential onsite shredding; two (2) box limit). Recycling Day compliments the FREE e-waste drop off location offered Monday, Wednesday & Friday by Apple Computer for residents of Cupertino at 10300 Bubb Rd. Look for more on the City’s website www.cupertino.org/recycling or contact Recology at 408.725.4020.

Is Your Bin Too Full?

To avoid a missed pickup on garbage day and to help prevent the spread of litter, be sure that your garbage, recycling, and compost bins are always completely closed when placed at the curb. Do not overfill containers to the point where they cannot close all the way. An overflowing container may result in the garbage company not emptying your container, for concerns that it may be overweight. In addition, a container that is not completely closed is exposed to rodents, birds, and wind that could remove the materials from your container, create unsightly litter and cause the spread of garbage to the storm drainage system. Garbage that enters a storm drain is not removed or treated, but flows to our local creeks and bay, which can be hazardous to water quality and animal and aquatic life. If you have excess garbage, recycling, or organic material, consider putting it out over multiple service days or call Recology at 408.725.4020, for extra weight tags (for a fee) or to see if you can use one of your free On-Call pickup days.

What to Do with Your Household Hazardous Waste?

Don’t forget to contact Waste Management (WM) at your door service to collect your household hazardous waste. Appointment for collection can be made at www.wmatyourdoor.com or by calling 800.449.7587.
Compost Available Again

The City’s compost site is now open again, weather permitting. The Stevens Creek Quarry site on Stevens Canyon Road (across from the dam) will be open for free compost pickup on Friday and Saturday mornings from 8:30 to 11 am. No appointments are necessary. The site will be closed on the 4th of July weekend or if it is raining or drizzling anywhere in Cupertino, or if the compost site has puddles or remains muddy after rains. If it is sunny, but muddy, the site must be closed to comply with State mud-tracking prevention requirements.

Please abide by the following rules.

- Only Cupertino residents may use this program. Please bring proof of residency.
- If a resident has hired a gardener, the resident must accompany the gardener when he or she picks up the compost.
- There will not be any staff at the site to assist residents in shoveling compost or moving bags.
- Please bring adequate shovels and people to help.
- Bring containers, an old trashcan, a tarp or bags to hold your compost.
- Residents are limited to 15 minutes of shoveling if other cars are waiting.
- Bring a tarp and tie-down ropes to cover compost carried in your truck. State law requires that loads of loose material be covered while trucks are traveling on streets and highways.

For additional information about the City’s Free Compost Site visit www.cupertino.org/compost.

The Cupertino Historical Society – Quarterly Speaker Program, “Prohibition”

Presented by Ray Cosyn, Tuesday, April 17, 2012.
Quinlan Community Center, Cupertino Room, 10185 N. Stelling Road, Cupertino
Refreshments at 6:30 pm, Presentation at 7 pm

There is only one amendment that has ever been repealed, and that was the Eighteenth Amendment which spawned the Volstead Act and brought the country thirteen years of prohibition. The 1920s became a period of hypocrisy and bedlam thanks to the passage of the Volstead Act.

How did prohibition come about and how did it end? Who were the key figures of the time and what were their roles in stemming the manufacture, sale, and distribution of intoxicating beverages? How did the California wineries survive and why was the act repealed? All these and more questions will be answered in this fascinating presentation.

Ray Cosyn is a spokesperson on the history of America. He possesses an Engineering Degree from the University of Illinois and a Masters Degree in American History from San Jose State University. He has spoken to numerous groups on a wide range of topics from the Civil War, through and including WWII. Mr. Cosyn is on the board of directors of the Saratoga History Museum and sits on committees focused on integrating bicycle transit into our transportation infrastructure.

For further information contact the Cupertino Historical Society & Museum at 408.973.1495, or email at cuphistociety@sbcglobal.net.
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<td>Albert Rich [<a href="mailto:chesschampions@yahoo.com">chesschampions@yahoo.com</a>]</td>
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Submit information about clubs and organizations meeting in Cupertino to Brittany Morales, City of Cupertino, 10300 Torre Ave., Cupertino, 95014, 408.777.1312, brittainym@cupertino.org

Clubs with asterisks meet more than once monthly. Call the contact number for details.
CITY MEETINGS

April 3
City Council Meeting (Community Hall)***
6:45 p.m.

April 4
Technology, Info & Communication Comm. (Conf. Rm. A)
7 pm

April 4
Library Commission (EOC)
7 pm

April 5
Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm. C)
9 pm

April 5
Parks and Recreation Commission (Community Hall)***
7 pm

April 5
Design Review Committee (Conf. Rm. C)
5 pm

April 10
Planning Commission (Community Hall)***
6:45 pm

April 11
Commission (Conf. Rm. A)
6:15 pm

April 12
Commission (Conf. Rm. C)
9 am

April 12
Safety Commission (Conf. Rm. A)
7 pm

April 17
City Council Meeting (Community Hall)***
6:45 pm

April 18
Bicycle Pedestrian Commission (Conf. Rm. A)
7 pm

April 19
Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm. C)
9 am

April 19
Audit Committee (Conf. Rm. A)
4 pm

April 19
Design Review Committee (Conf. Rm. C)
5 pm

April 24
Planning Commission (Community Hall)***
6:45 pm

April 25
Teen Commission (Quinlan Conf. Rm.)
6:15 pm

Unless otherwise noted, all City Council and commission meetings are held at 10350 Torre Ave. City Hall is open Monday through Thursday, 7:30 am to 5:30 pm; Fridays, 7:30 am to 4:30 pm
*** These meetings will be seen live via webcast at www.cupertino.org, or on The City Channel, Cable 26.
For all city meetings’ agenda and minutes go to www.cupertino.org/agenda
REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2012
Council Members Present: Chang, Mahoney, Santoro, Sinks, Wong
Absent: None

Staff agreed to a fence extension of March 15
Approved February 7 City Council minutes
Adopted Resolution No. 12-121 for Accounts Payable for period ending January 27, 2012
Adopted Resolution No. 12-122 for Accounts Payable for period ending February 3, 2012
Accepted Municipal Improvements at 21856 Hermosa Avenue
Accepted Municipal Improvements at 22641 Alcalde Road
Appointed Marty Miller to the Environmental Review Committee
Conducted second reading and enacted Ordinance to install bike lanes on Rodriguez Avenue between De Anza Boulevard and Blaney Avenue
Reinforced Council’s prior action to approve $250,000 for Mary Ave Dog Park; Increased budget allocation to total $350,000 with extra $100,000 to go toward a year-round surface; Directed staff to gather expert review to find a way to sequester the lead to be non-hazardous to humans and dogs

REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2012
Council Members Present: Chang, Mahoney, Santoro, Sinks, Wong

Council Members Absent: None
Gave Direction to negotiator (Government Code 54957.6); and no action was taken
Presented the award to Director Timm Borden
Approved the February 21 City Council minutes
Adopted Resolution No. 12-123 for Accounts Payable for period ending February 10, 2012
Adopted Resolution No. 12-124 to approve destruction of records from the Public Information Office
Set Study Session date for March 20 beginning at 2:30 p.m. Council Chambers
Set deadline date for April 27 and interview date for Tuesday, May 8 beginning at 3:30 p.m. in Conference Room A (May 9 at 3:30 p.m. scheduled as additional day as needed)

Conducted first reading of ordinance with following amendments:
* Change misdemeanor to infraction
* Change second paragraph in 14.12.140A to be the same as previous paragraph

*Include multiplier for species and incorporate there different categories of condition with chart attached as resolution as tree species change over time

*Include two tiers for offense where second offender is professional contractor or homeowner showing malice and all others are first offenders; minimum fee of $600

*Smooth the fee schedule to 1-inch increments and include tree replacement in whole schedule

Directed staff to bring back resolution regarding master street tree list at second reading
Council Directed staff to include closed session on future agendas regarding choosing headhunter firm for City Manager position. Sinks and Wong selected as sub-committee
Council Directed staff to look at best practices from other cities regarding goose problem at Memorial Park and put in weekly notes
Council agenized item regarding capping campaign contributions at $500

Talk To The Cupertino Library Commission….Really!
The Cupertino Library Commission is chartered by our City Council to advise and support them on all aspects of the Cupertino Library and its services to the community. The Commission is composed of five residents who applied and interviewed for this voluntary role, and were appointed by City Councilors. In addition to working closely with Santa Clara County library staff and our community librarians, Commissioners liaise with city staff and other Cupertino Commissions to develop, enhance, and promote library programs and services which best meet the needs of our community.

Talk to us! We encourage your engagement; stop by our meetings and give us your thoughts. You can provide feedback, raise issues, or ask questions. The commission meets the first Wednesday of every month at 7 pm in the EOC room in Cupertino City Hall. Some time is reserved at the beginning of each meeting for oral communications from persons wishing to address the commission on any matter not on the agenda. Agendas, and any schedule changes, are published in advance of every meeting and may be found at www.cupertino.org/librarycommission. It is helpful, but not necessary, to communicate your intent to attend by emailing the Commission’s administrative representative at lcg@cupertino.org. You can also send your feedback to the same address, at any time, and we will review your input at the next scheduled meeting.

We welcome your participation, and thank you for your support of our library. Did you know that the Santa Clara County Library regularly appears in the top five rankings of library systems nationally? The Cupertino site is a dynamic and innovative one. Help us keep it great and make it better!
Welcome New Businesses

- Electric Movement
  10207 Imperial Ave
- Ludlow
  21265 Stevens Creek Blvd Ste 205
- Qolsys, Inc
  20111 Stevens Creek Blvd Ste 150
- Tong Dumpling
  10869 N Wolfe Rd
- Wirelesslink
  22368 Homestead Rd
- Yang BBQ
  10831 N Wolfe Rd

Sunnyvale-Cupertino Adult and Community Education

Are you nervous and worried about your citizenship interview? Come to our free citizenship practice interview class on Saturday, April 28, 2012.

On Saturday, April 28, 2012, from 9:30 to 11:30 am, Sunnyvale-Cupertino Adult and Community Education will be offering a free special one-day class, ESL/Citizenship Interview Preparation, to help prospective citizens prepare for their interview. Volunteers from the community will act as interviewers. At this class there will also be an immigration expert who will talk about the interview process and answer questions.

The class will meet in the Training Center at the Adult Education Center, 591 W. Fremont Avenue, Sunnyvale. Students can register online at www.ace.fuhsd (course code 144000) or by calling 408.522.2700. Students may also register in class.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help conduct mock citizenship interviews for Sunnyvale-Cupertino Adult and Community Education’s ESL/Citizenship Interview Preparation Class. This is a commitment for one morning only, Saturday, April 28, 2012, from 9-11:30 am. Since many prospective citizens are apprehensive about the interview process, this one-day class gives students an opportunity to practice for their citizenship interview in a relaxed and friendly setting. As a volunteer, you will ask prepared questions and dictate prepared sentences, thus simulating an actual interview. Training for volunteers will be done on the morning of the class. If you are interested, please call Linda Brummer at 408.522.2733.

Have Something to Contribute?

To submit information to "Cupertino Scene," email: scene@cupertino.org

Submission deadline for the May edition is April 4.