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Big Bunny Fun Run

The Big Bunny Fun Run comes again to Cupertino. This 5K/3.1 mile Run or 1.5 mile walk will be held Saturday, March 30 at 9 a.m. Race begins and ends at City Hall and will be held rain or shine.

Deadline for early registration is Friday, March 22, at 5 p.m. Pre-race registration ends Thursday, March 28 at 10 p.m. Race day registration begins at 8 a.m. and closes at 8:45 a.m.

Entrance fee includes participant T-shirt. Register by March 22 to receive your T-shirt the day of the race. Anyone registering after March 22 may receive their T-shirt in the mail, depending upon supply.

Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers in each division. Prize drawing following the run. You must be present to win.

To learn more about registration call (408) 777-3130 or visit the Recreation catalogue on the city web site at www.cupertino.org.



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Quota

Annual Luncheon

Plan to recognize your staff at the Quota Club Annual Salute to Staff Luncheon, April 25 at Quinlan Center from 12 to 1 p.m. The main speaker at the lunch will be Sheriff of Santa Clara County, Laurie Smith. Cost is \$29 per person for a sit down lunch provided by Alotta's and served by Quota members. Proceeds support Quota's service focus to support the hearing impaired and disadvantaged women and children. Tickets available from any Cupertino Quota member or call Barbara at (408) 257-0625.

Chamber Honors Years' Best

The Cupertino Chamber of Commerce will recognize three outstanding Businesses and a Citizen of the Year for 2001 at its second annual STAR Awards Banquet to be held Saturday, March 9, 2002, at Lou's Village in San Jose. The contributions of STAR Award recipients exemplify distinguished Service, Teamwork, Achievement and Recognition that have had a significant and beneficial impact on the Cupertino community.



Award winners for 2001 include: Linda Walker, Citizen of the Year; Law Offices of Jelinch & Rendler, Small Business of the Year; Cupertino National Bank, Medium Business of the Year; and Hanson Permanente Cement, Large Business of the Year.

Mark Burns, of Coldwell Banker, chaired the Selection Committee. The selection committee was comprised of: Richard K. Abdalah, Jackson & Abdalah; Nick Massei, Nick Massei Insurance; Lorie Prouty, Business & Industry Institute, De Anza College; and Francis Seward, Bank of America.

Tickets are \$65 per person. For reservations, please contact the Cupertino Chamber of Commerce, 20455 Silverado Avenue, Cupertino, CA 95014; phone 408-252-7054.

Event Ideas Needed

The Cupertino Parks & Recreation Department is in the planning phase of a Fall Special Event, and would like your input. The past 27 years we ran a Special Event called Ghostwalk. It was an event for children between the ages of six through twelve that took place the Friday and Saturday evening before Halloween at Blackberry Farm. The park was decorated in the style of a "Haunted Woods." Small groups of people were guided through the park on a walking tour that displayed various Halloween scenes. The event also included a Carnival and Entertainment for the children. This past year we decided not to run the event in light of September 11th. We are taking this opportunity to reevaluate this Special Event and would appreciate your help in assisting us with any suggestions you might have. Please take a moment and let us know your preference on an event you would like to see in the Fall of 2002.

Suggestions so far include: Ghostwalk, Halloween Event combined with a Harvest Festival or a Multi-Cultural Harvest Festival.

Please feel free to offer any suggestions you would like the Cupertino Parks & Recreation Department to consider. You may contact Roxanne Earnshaw at 408-777-3417 or e-mail responses to roxannee@cupertino.org.

Summer Jobs

The Cupertino Parks and Recreation Department is looking for enthusiastic and energetic people to lead activities and go on excursions with children of all ages. Think that you are up to the challenge? If so, please call us at (408) 777-3120 or check online at www.cupertino.org to get more information on the latest jobs offerings at Cupertino Parks and Recreation. Applications for summer employment became available on February 1, 2002. Positions are available for leaders in camps, sports, nature, science and playground programs. Starting salary is \$8.50 an hour. Lifeguards and swim instructors are needed as well to work in our Aquatics programs and at Blackberry Farm. Starting salary for lifeguards/swim instructors is \$9.75 per hour.

Starting salary for senior lifeguards/swim instructors is \$11.00 per hour. Pick up an application at the Human Resources office located at City Hall, 10300 Torre Avenue, (408) 777-3227, or at the Parks and Recreation Department office located at Quinlan Community Center, 10185 North Stelling Road, (408) 777-3120.

Parent's Night Out

Parents, this is the chance for you to get out of the house on Friday, March 22, 2002, and enjoy an adult evening out. Cupertino Parks and Recreation will watch the kids so you can go out and have fun time. We will make sure the kids are having as much fun as you are having and maybe even a little more! Leaders and kids spend the evening playing games, making crafts, watching movies, eating snacks and much, much more during this fun-filled night! Event includes pizza, snack, supervision and supplies. Call (408) 777-3120 for cost and registration information.



How's Your Reception?

Since the Cupertino cable system was completely rebuilt two years ago the answer is most likely "Great". It is the Telecommunication Commission's principle responsibility to ensure our community receives optimized television reception from our service provider. We do this by regularly reviewing test reports that AT&T Broadband must provide to the FCC.

An additional focus area for the commission is promoting our award winning public broadcasting studio, Channel 15, at De Anza College. This state of the art facility is paid for from our cable franchise fee with AT&T and is available to students and community members to learn and utilize.

Please contact Rick Kitson at City Hall, 777-3200 for service issues with AT&T, and Bob Haber at De Anza College, 864-8766, for information about public access television.

Simply Safe

By Marsha Garcia

Water is always listed as an essential emergency supply. Imagine that a major earthquake has caused broken water lines.

Your local news station instructs you not to drink water out of the faucet. How much do you know about water in emergency situations?

Sources of water: Hot water heater, ice cubes, rear toilet tank.

Storing water: There are a variety of methods, depending on your needs.

55-gallon drums – Water is treated with chemicals and is replaced once a year.

Individual gallons – Store in a dark place and replace every six months to 1 year. Do not store with other emergency supplies in case a container leaks.

Single serving bottled water – Most convenient because you can use the water for day-to-day activities and replace as needed. Replace every 6 months. Water stored in clear plastic containers, or exposed to sunlight, must be replaced every six months.

Purifying water: two methods will kill most contaminants in water.

√ Boiling: Boiling is the safest method of treating water. Bring water to a rolling boil for 3-5 minutes, keeping in mind that some water will evaporate. Let the water cool before drinking.

√ Bleach: You can use household liquid bleach to kill microorganisms. Use only regular household liquid bleach that contains 5.25



percent sodium hypochlorite. Do not use scented bleaches, colorsafe bleaches or bleaches with added cleaners. Add 16 drops of bleach per gallon of water, stir and let stand for 30 minutes. If the water does not have a slight bleach odor, repeat the dosage and let stand another 15 minutes. The only agent used to treat water should be household liquid bleach. Other chemicals, such as iodine or water treatment products sold in camping or surplus stores that do not contain 5.25 percent sodium hypochlorite as the only active ingredient, are not recommended and should not be used.

Coming Events – Call or email for registration information

Basic Emergency Preparedness: Thursday, March 14, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

CPR (Adult/Infant/Child): Friday, March 15, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

9-1-1 Center Tours (adults only): March 25 or March 27, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Kaleidoscope Public Safety Camp for young adults, April 15, 17 & 19.

Terrorism & CERT (CERT graduates only): March 19, 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Congratulations to our newest CERT class. Over sixty Cupertino residents completed their practical earthquake exercise and graduated on Feb 23.

Your next chance to participate in CERT starts soon. Daytime classes begin April 3.

If you do only one thing to prepare this month...

Find out if your neighborhood has trained CERT volunteers or ham radio operators. During emergencies they'll know what to do.

For further information on classes or preparedness, go to "Emergency Preparedness" at www.cupertino.org, or contact Marsha Garcia, 777-3335. Information is also available at Quinlan Center, Library and City Hall.



Roots

By Gail
Fretwell Hugger

MARDESICH MEMORIES

The patriarch of the family, John P. Mardesich was born in Yugoslavia on the small island of Vis in the community of Komiza. He emigrated to the United States in 1920. He and his cousin Visko Mardesich were both sponsored by their uncle, Ivan Mardesich, who was already residing in the Cupertino area. John lived in Cupertino for four years before deciding to try his hand at commercial fishing out of San Pedro, California. He fished from 1924-1938. It was during this time he met and married Margaret Bozanich, originally from Anacortes, Washington. They married in San Pedro in 1931 and in 1938 had saved enough money to purchase their first piece of land, a five acre apricot orchard 1/4 mile from Fremont corners locally known as the Dowling ranch.

Three sons were born to Margaret and John in San Pedro, Nick, John and Joseph. In addition to raising her family and helping in the orchard, Margaret also worked for the Mariani Co. from 1950 to 1959. She served in various organizations in Cupertino's St. Joseph's Catholic Church and also for the Cupertino Federated Women's Club. In 1987, she received the Outstanding Achievement Award for Civic Service awarded by the City of Cupertino. The recognition was given for her volunteer services to battered women, the handicapped, convalescent hospitals and community services in Cupertino and other Santa Clara county areas.

When asked to recall some of her favorite memories of the orchard days, she remembered how thrilled her oldest son Nick was when he could drive a new shiny red truck to the cannery or to the dehydrator. He was only 14 years old at the time but back then a 14 year old could drive and not run afoul of the law.

When no outside pickers were available the family would drive to the orchard before sunup and pick by the lights of the pickup truck for the first hour each day until the sun rose. They would pick until dark, then load the boxes for the trip to the cannery or the dehydrator and finally come back to the orchard to put out the boxes for picking the next day.

Only four of John and Margaret Mardesich's many grandchildren were born before John died in 1963, but the children have fond memories of their young years in the orchards with their own fathers.

One, Michael, recalls his dad putting him in charge of gopher patrol. He was given a "prop" (long wooden pole that held up tree branches heavy with fruit) or a shovel and told to watch the gopher hole until one appeared, then to use the prop or shovel to eradicate the problem.

Of course, no gophers ever were killed and Mike now knows he was given this job to keep him busy while his father was working. Some of the other grandsons remembered having apricot fights and building forts with the trays and boxes.

They had a pet jackrabbit that they nursed from baby to adulthood after a tractor destroyed its home. They released it after it grew up but it kept coming back for



months. They "swam" in the main irrigation ditches and one of the rites of passage into manhood was when they were put in charge of all night irrigation duty. Sometimes the dads would come out and move them from ditch to ditch when they fell asleep.

It was a hard life, but a good life and a great way to bring up children to respect the land and hard work.

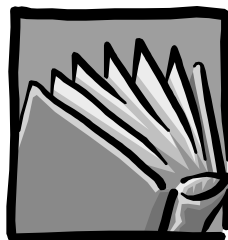
For a complete history of the Mardesich family, along with wonderful photographs, visit the Cupertino Museum at Quinlan Center.

Library News

Thanks to the City Council, Citizens and city of Cupertino,

Extended Library Hours:

Monday	10-9
Tuesday	10-9
Wednesday	10-9
Thursday	10-9
Friday	10-6
Saturday	10-6
Sunday	12-6



Library telephone numbers are:

General Number	(408) 446-1677
Accounts, Billing	1-800-286-1991
Dial-in Catalog	1-877-471-3349
TeleCirc	1-800-471-0991

The library has a Web Catalog at <http://webpac.santaclaracountylib.org/>, and a catalog at telnet://library.santaclaracountylib.org/. The brochure, Library Catalog Access from Home or Work, is available at the library. Bookmark these library web addresses:

Santa Clara County Library Web Site:

<http://www.santaclaracountylib.org>

Teen Page Web Site:

<http://www.santaclaracountylib.org/teen>

Kids Page Web Site:

<http://www.santaclaracountylib.org/kids>

Lobby Book Sale

The Friends of the Cupertino Library have an ongoing book sale in the library lobby, with both hardback and paperback books priced from \$1 to \$4.

Children's Storytimes

Preschool Storytime (ages 3-1/2 to 6)

Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m.

Bedtime Storytime (3 years and up)

Tuesdays, 7 p.m.

Toddler Storytime (ages 2-1/2 to 3-1/2)

Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m.

Twos Storytime (ages 1-1/2 to 2-1/2),

Thursdays, 10:15 a.m.

Self-Help Tax Forms

A self-help tax form area on the landing between the lobby and Young People's Room offers giveaway forms. Binders of reproducible tax forms are on tables near the copy machines, both in the lobby and on the landing.

Vita Tax Volunteers

Vita tax volunteers will be available to help with tax forms from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Children's Story Room on Saturdays, through April 13, 2002.

Internet Basics for Adults

Basic Internet classes for adults will be held at the library every Saturday, 10 to 10:30 a.m. These drop-in classes are limited to 5 participants and are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Participants must be able to use a computer keyboard and mouse. Those interested should come to the Adult Reference desk at 10 a.m. on Saturday mornings. For more information please call (408) 446-1677.

Internet Classes in Mandarin

Basic Internet instruction in Mandarin Chinese is available at the library by appointment. If you would like to schedule an appointment please call the Reference Desk at 446-1677.

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 on the library shelf when you visit the library. The books are available on a first-come, first-serve basis (no reserves). All titles check out for one week. Located next to the New Books area on the main floor near the adult reference desk.

Parent-Children Catalog or Internet Classes

Parents of schoolchildren may schedule personal appointments with a children's librarian for either introductory Internet (exploring web sites for children) or library catalog instruction. The classes are open to parents alone, or with their children. To schedule an appointment, call (408) 446-1677, Ext. 3320.

Library Tours

Library tours are conducted Wednesday afternoons from 1 to 2 p.m. and Saturday afternoons from 2 to 3 p.m. For more information about the ongoing weekly tours, call (408) 446-1677.

The Cupertino Library is located at 10400 Torre Avenue.

Use Your Weeds

While weeding the garden this spring, remember that weeds are a very valuable source of nitrogen for a backyard compost pile. Those interested in learning about backyard composting can attend a free workshop at McClellan Ranch Park on the first Saturday of March, April, May and June from 10 a.m. to noon. Free backyard compost books will be distributed. Call 299-4147 to register.

Compost

Available Again

The city's compost site will reopen on March 22nd—in time for spring planting (as long as it doesn't rain). The Stevens Creek Quarry site on Stevens Canyon Road (across from the dam) will be open for bulk compost pickup on Friday and Saturday mornings from 8:30 to 11, at no charge. First-come, first served—no appointments are necessary. The site is closed during rainy weather and on holiday weekends. Please abide by the following rules:

√ Only city residents can use this program. Please bring a recent garbage bill and a driver's license to establish residency. (County residents are ineligible.)

√ If a resident has hired a gardener, the resident must accompany the gardener when he or she picks up the compost.

√ Because of the popularity of this program, the city is establishing a 15-minute limit for compost loading, if other residents are waiting.

√ 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 trash can, a tarp or bags to hold your compost. Some paper bags are available for use.

√ 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.

Call 777-3269 for more information (6:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.). If it has rained significantly in the two days before you hoped to get compost, please call ahead.

Saturdays at McClellan Ranch

Have you ever explored McClellan Ranch Park? If not, why not join Cupertino Parks and Recreation Department naturalist for an informative walk around Cupertino's own nature preserve. Hikes will begin at 1:00 p.m. on March 9 and March 23. Meet at the Jr. Nature Museum to join the walk.

On Saturday, March 16 you'll have an opportunity to learn about the art and science of blacksmithing as you watch a craftsman forge hot iron into useful and beautiful items. He will fire up the forge at 10:30 a.m. and keep it going until 2:00 p.m. Drop by at anytime in between. The demonstration will be outdoors so heavy rain will cancel this program.

These programs are free and open to the curious of all ages. For more information call the park naturalist, Barbara Banfield at 777-3149.

Dancers Come to School

Janlyn Dance Company of Cupertino has been awarded a grant from the City of Cupertino to perform their show "Goblin Market" at three schools in the District. There will be two assemblies at De Vargas Elementary, Friday, March 29, 2002, at 10:00 and 10:55 a.m. Janlyn has been performing locally for twenty-three years, specializing in bringing quality modern dance programs with an educational component to schools in our area. Many will be familiar with "Great Dance in Space" our dance assembly with a scientific theme. The current show "Goblin Market" is based on a poem by Victorian English poet Christina Rossetti. (Though written in the late 1800's the theme of the poem is well suited to the social issues the present day.) The program explores the relationship of dance and poetic language, the timeless themes of growing up, curiosity and danger, lessons learned - which are gently taught by dance, music and poetry. For information call Pam King at (408) 446-2190.



Explore Asian American Experience

The Citizens of Cupertino Cross-Cultural Consortium (5Cs) will sponsor a public presentation on the Asian American experience at an upcoming meeting, March 6, 7 p.m. in the Community Room at the Cupertino Public Library.

De Anza College Asian American Studies professor Marie Chin will present and discuss Asian immigrant and Asian American experiences, perspectives, and expectations on being members of an American community.

Topics to be covered are: Chinese immigration to the United States; patterns of community and school involvement, communication between teachers and parents, and parent and child interactions; Asian male presence in the public consciousness: popular culture, movies, and media; and the needs of Asian immigrant communities.

The presentation will be approximately 45 minutes followed by a 30-minute question and answer period. Other 5Cs business will immediately follow.

Ms. Chin was born in Taiwan and immigrated to the U.S. with her family when she was nine. She grew up in the Bay Area and is a first generation Chinese American. Chin received a bachelor's degree in American Studies from U.C. Santa Cruz with a focus on Asian Americans and Sociology. She earned a Master's degree from San Jose State University in Mexican American Studies in 2000. Ms. Chin is tri-lingual and tri-cultural and speaks Mandarin, Spanish and English. She currently teaches two classes at De Anza College in Asian American Experiences.



This event is sponsored by the 5Cs. Created in 1997, the 5Cs is a group of Cupertino residents committed to creating an infrastructure that promotes a harmonious, and diverse community.

For more information, call 777-3331, or e-mail laural@cupertino.org.

Recycle Old Phone Books

Pacific Bell will begin delivery of phone books in early March. Residents and businesses with "mixed paper" recycling can recycle old phone books in their mixed paper bins.



Businesses that do not have mixed paper recycling yet can bring old books to the Sunnyvale Recycling Center at the north end of Borregas Ave. from 8-5 daily. Because of wide-spread mixed paper recycling, the city will no longer provide a phone book recycling bin at Albertsons.

Call 777-3241 for information on setting up a program at your business or apartment.

Block Leader Training

"To know each other, trust each other, work together to enhance the quality of life in the neighborhood, and build capacity to respond together in emergency" was the theme of the pilot Block Leader training in February.

Eighteen residents participated in the five-hour training, which featured a panel discussion by experienced neighborhood leaders and tips on how to approach neighbors and maintain communication. Highlights of the city's Emergency Preparedness, Neighborhood Watch and Block Party programs also were presented.

During the workshop, experienced leaders advised participants to "keep it simple" and to organize a manageable number of homes, then to expand the outreach to surrounding areas. Sharing duties with other neighbors was also encouraged.

A similar block leader training session is scheduled on Saturday, April 13 at the Cupertino Senior Center. Please contact Laura Lee at 777-3331, or e-mail laural@cupertino.org for more information.

Measure M

This March 5, Measure M will be on the ballot. The following is a copy of the analysis included in your election booklet.

Impartial Analysis

On November 6, 1990, Cupertino voters approved the enactment of an ordinance which imposed upon the users of electricity, gas and telephone utilities a general excise tax of 2.40% of the monthly bills for said utility services (subject to an exemption for senior citizens). The purpose of this tax was to enable the City, through its general fund, to acquire and preserve various properties within the City (including Blackberry Farm) for open space and park services.

Upon enactment of the tax measure in 1990, the City, through the issuance of new debt, was able to raise sufficient money to allow it to accomplish the above-described goals. The original debt issued by the City is scheduled to be retired in 2015. The 1990 tax measure provided that the utility users tax would also cease in 2015, unless extended by the voters.

The City Council of the City of Cupertino has identified public interest and support for new public works projects (the most expensive of which is the construction of a new public library). The City's Director of Finance has informed the City Council that the City's general fund will be unable to finance many of these new projects (including the library) without additional sources of revenue.

If this measure were adopted, the City would be in the position to raise approximately \$5,000,000 (through a combination of issuing new debt and refinancing of the existing debt) to be used by the general fund to defray some of the costs of these new projects.

This measure would not increase the current utility users tax, but it would extend the existing tax for an additional 15 years from 2015 to 2030. The current senior citizen exemption would be maintained.



Senior Travel Program 2002



The Cupertino Senior Center will be sponsoring a wide range of trips for a wide range of interests. Scheduled trips this spring and summer include:

January 6, Girls r Guys, cast of Finocchios in San Francisco

January 17, Canadian maritime presentation with Jim Trieoff

January 17, Midori at Montalvo

January 24, Evita at American Musical Theatre of San José

February 4, River barging along the Texas gulf coast

February 12, Be Still My Heart, a tour of Marin County highlighting the "Kitchens of Marin"

March 1, Britain in Your Backyard, featuring Irish, English and Scottish attractions in the Sacramento area

March 8, The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas, at the Golden Gate theatre in San Francisco

March 16 and 17, sleigh riding and theatre party in the Sierras

April 19, mystery tour

May 3, Ballet San José, and Carman featuring Gershwin and Bizet melodies

May 15, Feats of Clay, a juried ceramics show

May 24 thru June 3, Massachusetts, Maine and Canada maritimes

June 17 thru 19, Wines and Vines in Napa County

July TBA, Reno

Oct 5 thru 18, Fall Foliage Treasures and Colors, New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware

For information on any of these trips, please call Joan Spitzen at (408) 777-3154.



The "morion" is the symbol of Cupertino. Be one of the first five people to tell us where to find the word someplace else in this Scene and we'll send you a Cupertino t-shirt (in-stock sizes only). Tell us where you found it on or before March 8, at (408) 777-3262.

Senior Center News

For information on these or other senior programs, call 777-3150.

The Senior Center offers a great variety of classes, services and travel opportunities for adults 50+, membership is required for most classes and activities, but services are open to all seniors.

Instructional Computer Lab

3/7 and 3/21, Thursdays, three 45-minute sessions each day starting from 1 p.m. An opportunity to enhance your PC, e-mail and Microsoft software skills. Prerequisite: Beginning PC class, experience and base knowledge of e-mail and Microsoft software applications. This is a free class. Please sign up prior to class.

Surf the Net

3/18 and 3/19, Monday and, Tuesday, 1 to 3 p.m. Beginning Internet on the McIntosh and PC. You will learn how to connect to many of the popular web sites. \$18.

Wednesday Weekly Soup Lunches

12 noon to 1 p.m. Join us for a delicious hot soup lunch, choice of two nutritious soups served with rolls and fruit. \$2. Advance sign-up required.

Forgive for Good

3/11, Monday 1 p.m. Dr. Fred Luskin, Director and founder of the Stanford University Forgiveness Project, will talk about the importance of forgiving.

Senior Issues Event:

Canine Search and Rescue Team

3/18, Monday, 1 to 3 p.m. This is a free drop-in De Anza Adult Education event conducted by Ann Cuny. Come and meet Lynne Engelbert and her special dog Lucy, listen to their exciting and heroic rescues.

Immigration Forum

3/13, Wednesday, 1:30 to 3 p.m. Immigration and Naturalization Service is scheduled to present a workshop at the Senior Center, the topic is "How to Petition Alien Relatives to Come to the U. S." Please call 777-3150 to register for this free event. Chinese translation will be available.

Public Benefits for Senior Immigrants

3/20, Wednesday, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Asian Law Alliance will be on hand to discuss public benefits that are available for senior immigrants. Chinese translation is available. Free event, please call to register.

Marlborough High School Girls' Choir

3/25, Monday, 3 to 4 p.m. This private high school is located near Los Angeles. The 25-student choir is on tour in Northern California and will stop by the Senior Center to entertain our members. Join us for an hour of music, coffee and cookies.

Monthly Birthday Parties

3/4, Monday, 1 p.m. Santa Clara Swing Band will perform for this event. People with birthdays are honored; all others contribute a dollar to help with expenses.

International Lunch – Italy

3/14, Thursday, 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. Join us for a celebration of Italy, have delicious Italian food and learn about the culture. \$6.

Folk Dance Monthly Social

3/11, Monday 2 to 3:45p.m. Drop in for an afternoon of dance and fun. Instructor Donna Frankle, will demonstrate and call up steps. \$3.

Income Tax Assistance

Need help in preparing your tax forms? Appointments are available for a free one-hour consultation for seniors. Volunteer tax aides (AARP) will be available on most, Mondays, Tuesdays and, Wednesdays until mid April. Please call (408) 777-3150 to set up an appointment, the consultations are held at Quinlan Center.

VTA Photo Session

3/12, Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. The Valley Transit Authority will be at the Senior Center to take photos for the Regional Transit Connection discount Card. No appointment is necessary. The RTC Discount Card will be mailed to qualified applicants within 30 days. Cost is \$3.

Movie of the Month: The Great Waltz

3/19, Tuesday, 2 to 4 p.m. This 1936 movie is an Oscar winning film based on the life of composer Johann Strauss. Starring Luise Rainer,

Fernand, Miliza Korjus. Black and White. Chinese subtitles.

New Member Orientation

3/12, Tuesday, 2 p.m. For new members, come to this orientation and tour the facility. Learn about trips, classes, events and volunteer opportunities and let us know about your interests.

Mah Jongg free play

Fridays, 1 to 4 p.m. Come in with your friends for an afternoon of Mah Jongg games. If you are interested in teaching seniors how to play, please contact Teresa at 777-3150.

Karaoke Weekly Social

Thursdays: 3/7, 3/14, and 3/21 and 3/28. From 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. If you like to sing, join us for 3 hours of drop in Karaoke fun. Bring your own diskettes (VCD) or use Center's. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments provided. \$1.

Computer User Groups

Come and hear speakers and discuss common interests. Donation. 3/6, Wednesday, 7 to 9 p.m. PC user group meeting. 3/20, Wednesday, 7 to 9 p.m. Mac user group meeting.

Ballroom Dance Weekly Class

Wednesdays, 1 to 3 p.m. Join other Senior Center members for 2 hours of ballroom dance. Instructors will be available to demonstrate different steps. Refreshments provided. \$10 per month.

Ping Pong Free Play

Tuesdays, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Fridays, 1 to 4 p.m. Now you can play ping pong twice a week, two tables are set up for members to exercise, have fun and meet new friends.

Upcoming Trips

Upcoming trips for seniors: Britain In Your Backyard, 3/1/02; Sleigh-Riding In the Sierra, 3/16 to 3/17; Mystery Trip, 4/19; Canadian Maritimes, 5/21- 6/4 and Napa Valley, 6/10 to 6/19. For more information about upcoming trips and to sign-up, come into the Senior Center or call 777-3150.

Caregiver Support Group

3/20, Wednesday, 1:30 to 3 p.m., and 6 to 7:30 p.m. This group meets on a drop in basis and facilitated by Jackie Baddeley, the Senior

Center Social Worker. Ideas, support, encouragement and sometimes humor are offered to those people whose responsibilities include taking care of a loved one in the caregiver's home, in the loved one's home, in an institution, or even at a distance.

Lively! Mondays

3/4, 3/11 and 3/25, Monday, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. *Lively! Mondays* is a drop-in discussion group for Cupertino Senior Center members to share ideas, no specific topic for this session, open forum.

Drop-In Consultation

Thursday mornings, 9 to 11 a.m. Jackie Baddeley, Senior Center Social Worker, offers drop-in office hours. Jackie will be able to discuss simple issues, such as social security, avoiding a nursing home, benefits available and hiring help. If needed, follow up visits are available by appointments. *Chinese translation is available every, Thursday.*

Blood Pressure Check

Mondays, 3/4 and 3/18, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.
Thursdays, 3/7 and 3/21 (1st and 3rd, Thursdays), 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Health care providers suggest having your blood pressure checked regularly. You can have your blood pressure checked on first and third, Mondays (except holidays), also first and third, Thursdays. This service is open to everyone and is free.

Housing Questions

Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
By appointment, work with our housing expert, one-on-one, to find out what alternatives are available in this area and how to apply. Call (408) 777-3150.

HICAP appointments

3/14 and 3/28, 1 to 3 p.m. (2nd and 4th Thursday); 3/5 and 3/19, 10 a.m. to 12 noon (1st and 3rd Tue). Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program. By appointments only, call 777-3150.

SALA

3/6, Wednesday, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.; 3/25, Monday, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Senior Adults Legal Assistance provides free legal services to seniors by appointment. Call 777-3150.

Community Calendar

Submit information about clubs and organizations that meet in Cupertino to Linda Lagergren, City of Cupertino, 10300 Torre Ave., Cupertino, 95014, 777-3202. Clubs with asterisks meet more than once monthly. Call the contact number for details.

MAR	Club/Organization	Time	Location	Phone
1 Fri	Alcoholics Anonymous* Fast Start Group	5:00 p.m.	Redeemer Lutheran Church 940 S. Stelling Rd	374-8511
	De Anza Kiwanis*	7:15 a.m.	Intl. House of Pancakes	973-1456
2 Sat	De Anza Flea Market	8 to 4	De Anza College	864-8946
4 Mon	American Legion Post 642	8 p.m.	10201 Imperial Ave., #3	374-6392
	AI-ANON Steps for Living*	7:30 p.m.	940 S. Stelling Rd.	379-1051
	Take off Pounds Sensibly* TOPS	6:30 p.m.	First Baptist Church 10505 Miller Ave.	252-2434
5 Tues	Alcoholics Anonymous* Women's Group	6:30 p.m.	Redeemer Luth. Church, 940 S. Stelling Rd.	650-903-0321
	AI-ANON Family Group*	5:30 p.m.	Bethel Lutheran Church 10131 Finch Avenue	379-1051
	ToughLove*	7 p.m.	Bethel Lutheran Church	481-9236
	Cupt. Toastmasters 4608*	6 p.m.	HP/Agilent 5301 Stevens Creek, Bldg. 50	973-7803
	Cupertino Kiwanis*	Noon	The Blue Pheasant	252-3830
	Knights of Columbus 4981* Cupertino Men's Service*	8 p.m. Noon	10201 Imperial Ave., #3 The Blue Pheasant	243-8462
6 Wed	Cross-Cultural Consortium (5Cs)	7 p.m.	City Hall	777-3331
	AI-ANON Family Group* AI-ATEEN*	7:30 p.m. 8:15 p.m.	940 S. Stelling Road Redeemer Lutheran Church, 940 S. Stelling	734-5869 292-8897
	Cupertino Sanitary Dist*	8 p.m.	20065 Stevens Creek #C	253-7071
	De Anza Optimist Club* Cupertino Optimist Club* Tandem Toastmasters* Cupertino Rotary Club*	7:15 a.m. 12:15 p.m. Noon Noon	Holder's Restaurant Blue Pheasant Compaq, 10501 Tantau Community Center	253-4424 255-3212 865-1815 920-2224
	Philotesian Rebekah #145 Cup. Symphonic Band*	7:30 p.m. 7 p.m.	Cupertino Odd Fellows Cupertino High School	252-3954 262-0471
	De Anza Lions Club* Cup. Host Lions Club* Northwest Y Service Club*	6:45 a.m. 7:15 p.m. 7 p.m.	Holders Country Inn Mariani's Restaurant Northwest YMCA 20803 Alves Drive	253-3219 252-2633 725-8195
	Cupertino Amateur Radio Emergency Service Women's Quilting Group*	7:30 p.m. 9:30 a.m.	City Hall West Valley Pres. Church 6191 Bollinger Rd.	345-8372 253-2984 252-0932
Connect Club I* Connect Club II* Connect Club III*	Noon 8 a.m. Noon	International House of Pancakes St. Crk. Blvd. Chamber of Commerce Chamber of Commerce	252-7054 252-7054 252-7054	

7 Thurs	Rolling Hills 4H Club	7 p.m.	Monta Vista Rec Center	257-4745
	Overeaters Anonymous*	7 p.m.	Union Church	541-9069
	HP Communicators Toastmasters #4606*	7:00 a.m.	HP Cupt. site, Bldg. 46T 19055 Pruneridge Ave.	650-691- 8724
8 Fri	Malihini Orchid Society	7:30 p.m.	Hewlett-Packard, Oak Rm	267-3397
	Cupertino Coin Club	7:45 p.m.	West Valley Pres. Church	253-1232
9 Sat	Daughters of Norway	9:30 a.m.	Sunnyview Retirement Community	255-9828
	McClellan Ranch Volunteers	9:30 a.m.	McClellan Ranch	255-2422
11 Mon	Cupertino Odd Fellows*	8 p.m.	20589 Homestead Rd.	252-3954
	Bicycle/Ped Adv. Com.	7:30 p.m.	City Hall	777-3240
	Fine Arts League	7 p.m.	Community Center	777-0209
	Friends of Cupt. Library	7:30 p.m.	Cupertino Library	253-8294
12 Tues	Southbay Toastmasters*	6:30 p.m.	Tandem Bldg. 251, 10100 N. Tantau, Rm. 1258	253-7622
	Sertoma Club*	7:15 a.m.	1366 S. Saratoga- Sunnyvale Rd.	252-2584 255-5293
	Poets Society*	7:30 p.m.	Coffee Society	725-8091
13 Wed	Krazy Dazys Square Dance Club*	7 p.m.	Collins School	245-9156
14 Thurs	Quota Service Club* <small>(Aids hearing & speech impaired)</small>	Noon	Blue Pheasant	252-8568
	Cupertino-West Valley Welcome Club	11:30 a.m.		257-6136 252-1529
19 Tues	African Violet Society	12:30 p.m.	Sunnyview Lutheran Home	736-9262
	Viewfinders Camcorder Club	7 p.m.	Community Center Cupertino Room	252-2667
21 Thurs	Toyokawa Sister City	7:30 p.m.	City Hall	257-7424
	West Valley Republican Women	11:30 a.m.		252-6312 446-4144
	Bicycle/Ped Adv. Com.	7 p.m.	City Hall	777-3240
26 Tues	De Anza Youth Soccer	7:30 p.m.	Community Center	973-1495
	Historical Society	6:30 p.m.	Community Center	
27 Wed	Rancho Neighborhood Association	7:30 p.m.	Rancho Pool and Recreation Facility	973-1600

Deadline for submitting April calendar information is March 6.

Council Actions



Monday, February 4, 2002

Council Members Present: Chang, James, Kwok, Lowenthal, Sandoval

Presentation of Teen Website. Maurice Noone, Chairman of the Cupertino Teen Commission, gave a tour of the new teen Web site at www.cupertino.org/teens.

Joe Walton, reviewed revised estimates for the Mary Avenue Bicycle/Pedestrian Overcrossing project cost (\$6,777,358) and Cupertino's funding shortfall (\$615,472). Funding sources for the shortfall may include \$240,000 from Sunnyvale and \$375,472 from other sources.

Sheila Mohan, of the Cupertino Library Commission, highlighted the accomplishments of the Cupertino Library.

Mayor sent letter to City of Sunnyvale requesting a matching contribution of \$240,000 for the Mary Avenue Pedestrian Footbridge Project.

Adopted March 4 as date for consideration of reorganization of area designated property located on the east side of Byrne Avenue between Alcazar and San Fernando Avenue.

Adopted March 4 as date for consideration of reorganization of area designated property located on the north side of San Fernando Court between San Fernando and McClellan Avenue.

Supported Proposition 42, which requires the gasoline sales tax currently being paid be spent improving highways, local street and mass transit without increasing or imposing new taxes.

Approved a bingo permit for the Cupertino Senior Center Coordinating Council.

Scheduled the trail alignment study session for Monday, March 18, from 4 to 6 p.m. prior to the regular Council meeting. The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers.

Concurred to hold the budget study session on Monday, March 4, at 5:30 p.m., prior to their regular Council meeting. The meeting will be held in Conference Room C/D.

Tuesday, February 19, 2002

Meeting Cancelled

Agenda Previews



City Council

Monday, March 4, 2002

5:30 p.m., Budget study session

6:45 p.m., Council Meeting

Presentation from Greg Zlotnick, Director of the Water District.

Procedural bid dispute of mobile skate park bid by Dan Harris of Harrisbuilt.

Application for Alcoholic Beverage License: Fontanas Italian Restaurant and TK Noodle.

Consider city-initiated General Plan Amendment to determine possible amendments to, or deletion of, Policy 2-80.

Change the name of the Housing Committee to Housing Commission.

Planning Commission

City Council Chambers

Monday, March 11, 2002, 6:45 p.m.

Approve or deny an application by Chicago Pizza & Brewery, at 10690 N. De Anza Boulevard for a use permit to demolish an existing 9,079 square foot restaurant and construct an approximately 8,350 square foot restaurant and bar with 406 indoor and outdoor seats.

City Council

Monday, March 18, 2002

4 to 6 p.m., Study Session in the Council Chambers regarding the trail alignment for the Stevens Creek Trail.

6 p.m., Auction of three surplus lots in Oak Valley.

6:45 p.m., Council Meeting

Gary Schmidt petition hearing regarding car storage on Blaney.

Appeal of administrative decision regarding the designation of a potentially dangerous dog.

City Council

Tuesday, March 19, 2002

4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Joint meeting with the Library Steering Committee.

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March	6	Telecommunications Commission (Conf. Rm)	7:00 p.m.
March	7	Parks and Recreation Commission***	7:00 p.m.
March	11	Planning Commission***	6:45 p.m.
March	13	Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm.)	4:00 p.m.
March	14	Housing Committee (Conf. Rm.)	3:30 p.m.
March	14	Public Safety Commission (Conf. Rm.)	7:30 p.m.
March	18	City Council***	6:45 p.m.
March	19	Library Commission (Conf. Rm.)	7:30 p.m.
March	25	Planning Commission***	7:00 p.m.
March	26	Fine Arts Commission (Conf. Rm.)	7:00 p.m.

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Elections, Tuesday, March 5

