

## NEW GARBAGE AND RECYCLING CANS

By the end of Spring, Cupertino's new garbage and recycling service will get easier. Between February 21 and March 25, residents will receive new, grey, wheeled carts (*People in the business call them "carts." The rest of us call them "cans."*) for trash collection. The carts will replace trashcans they currently place at the curb with the same volume as residents' current service.



Residents will also receive new, blue, wheeled carts in April for weekly recyclables collection. The new blue carts allow most recyclables to be collected together in one cart. Residents can begin using both carts as soon as they receive them and for garbage and recycling pick-up, on their regular garbage collection day.

Yard waste also will be picked up weekly as soon as the recyclables carts are delivered.

The new garbage and recycling program is offered at no additional charge.

Details about the program can be found on the City's web site: [www.cupertino.org](http://www.cupertino.org), or by calling Los Altos Garbage Company at 408.725.4020.

## REBATES AVAILABLE FOR SWITCH FROM WOOD TO GAS

The Air District is offering rebates to encourage residents of Santa Clara County to burn gas instead of wood. They are offering these rebates:

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**Community Television**

## FOUR SHOWS FOCUS ON THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

*By Kathy Phelan*

Next time you're watching Comcast cable television, turn to channel 15. You might just catch "The Better Part," "On the Move," "Indian Vegetarian Gourmet" or "Steel & Marsilio." Each show is produced especially by Cupertino residents and organizations.

Through a partnership with KMVT Community Television, the producers, crew and volunteers of these four shows commit themselves to create compelling, entertaining shows.

"Thanks to funding from the city of Cupertino, KMVT Community Television is proud to provide community members in Cupertino with a place to go and create stories that connect their community," said KMVT Executive Director, Douglas Broomfield.

For more than 20 years, the City of Cupertino Senior Center has produced "The

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## CREST FORMS AVAILABLE

Those wishing to nominate a candidate for the city's CREST Award may pick up an application form online at [www.cupertino.org](http://www.cupertino.org), or at city hall, the Cupertino Library, the Quinlan Community Center or the Chamber of Commerce.

CREST (which stands for Cupertino Recognizes Extra Steps Taken) pays tribute to up to 10 community volunteers each year during an awards ceremony in May. Deadline for turning in nomination forms is Wednesday, March 16.

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## *Cupertino Scene*

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### Library Hours

Sunday	<b>Closed</b>
Monday	<b>Closed</b>
Tuesday	12 to 9
Wednesday	10 to 9
Thursday	10 to 9
Friday	10 to 6
Saturday	10 to 6

### Library Phone Numbers:

General Number .....	408.446.1677
Accounts, Billing .....	800.286.1991
TeleCirc .....	800.471.0991

### Library Web Addresses:

The library has a Web Catalog at  
[www.santaclaracountylib.org](http://www.santaclaracountylib.org).  
Santa Clara County Library Web Site:  
[www.santadaracountylib.org](http://www.santadaracountylib.org)  
Teen Page Web Site:  
[www.santadaracountylib.org/teen](http://www.santadaracountylib.org/teen)  
Kids Page Web Site:  
[www.santaclaracountylib.org/kids](http://www.santaclaracountylib.org/kids)

### Celebrate Chinese New Year

February 3, 10, 17, 24

Families are invited to join Librarian Lannie Kuo Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. during the month of February for a series of special storytime programs in Mandarin Chinese.

### Storytimes

Bedtime Stories (ages 3 and up)

Wednesdays, 7 p.m.

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

Thursdays, 10:15 a.m.

### Valentine Crafts

Children ages 5 and up are invited to come to the library on Wednesday, February 9 any-time between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. to make Valentines.

## 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. Many of the databases are available even when the library is closed. If you're not at the library, just go to the library's webpage at [www.santaclearacountylib.org](http://www.santaclearacountylib.org), click on databases, and enter your library card and PIN number to access a database.

You may choose from any of the available databases. For example, you can research a company using *Standard and Poor's Net Advantage*, prepare for an academic or professional exam with *Learning Express* or find information for a state report in *America the Beautiful*. If you have any questions about the databases, please call the Reference desk, at 446.1677, during the library's open hours.

## Feng Shui for the Year of the Rooster

Feng Shui master, Y.C. Sun will use a combination of Feng Shui and I-Ching, the 2000 year-old Chinese law of the universe, to make predictions on global events for 2005, the year of the rooster. This popular program will be held in the new Cupertino Community Hall, located next to the Cupertino Library on Wednesday, February 9, at 7 p.m.

## Friends of the Library Bestseller Collection

Funded by the *Friends of the Cupertino Library*, the Bestseller Collection is a special 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-served basis (no reserves). All titles check out for one week.

## Self-Help Tax Forms

A self-help tax form area in the copier room, located off the new materials area, on the first floor,

offers giveaway tax forms and reproducible forms.

## Vita Tax Volunteers

Vita tax volunteers will be available to help with tax forms from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the

Children's Story Room, on Saturdays through April 9.

## Internet

### Classes in Mandarin

Beginning classes on how to use the Internet are available in Mandarin, by appointment. If you would like to schedule an appointment, please call the library's Reference Desk at 408.446.1677.

### Teen Database Classes

Database instruction for teens, thirteen to nineteen, is available at the library, by appointment. If you would like to schedule an appointment to learn about the library's subscription databases, please call the reference desk at 408.446.1677.

### Internet Basics for Adults

Basic Internet classes for adults are held at the library on the second Saturday of every month, 2 to 2:30 p.m. These drop-in classes are limited to five participants and are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Participants must be able to use a computer keyboard and mouse. If interested, please come to the Adult Reference Desk at 2 p.m. on the second Saturday of the month.

### Library Tours

Library tours are conducted the third Wednesday of every month from 1 to 2 p.m. and the fourth Saturday of the month from 2 to 3 p.m. Tours include an explanation and demonstration of the library's online catalog and subscription databases, and library collections and services. For more information about library tours, call 408.446.1677.

The library is located at 10800 Torre Avenue, next to city hall.



## CRAB FEED FEBRUARY 18

On Friday, February 18, 2005, 5:30 to 8 p.m., the Rotary Club of Cupertino will be holding its annual crab feed at St. Joseph's of Cupertino Catholic Church Parish Hall. St. Joseph's of Cupertino is located at 10110 N. De Anza Blvd. at Stevens Creek.



This All-You-Can-Eat Fresh Cold Crab Feed includes French bread, green salad, pasta, coffee and ice cream. Proceeds benefit Cupertino youth including: Rotary Kid's Fishing Day; high school Interact programs at Cupertino, Lynbrook and Monta Vista; and the Rotary Club of Cupertino Youth Service Programs.



Tickets are available through Alotta's Deli/Café, Northwest YMCA, Cupertino National Bank, Cupertino Chamber of Commerce, and Cupertino Rotary Members. Cost is \$30 per person. For more information call 408.252.5780.

## SQUARE DANCING CLASSES

Both young and old find that square dancing is great exercise and even better fun. For the younger set, there are two youth groups that dance in the Cupertino area. Cloverleaf Critters caters to the 5 to 8 year-olds and Yellow Rock and Rollers welcomes youth over 8.

There are also two adult square dance clubs co-sponsored by the Cupertino Parks and Recreation Department. The Krazy Dazys meet on Wednesday evenings at Hyde Middle School while the Katydid's meet on Friday evenings. Both clubs have exceptional callers and are offering classes to teach interested people how to square dance.

The Krazy Dazys are offering an "Intro to Square Dancing", consisting of three free Wednesday evening classes from 7 to 8:30 pm at Hyde Middle School, 19325 Bollinger Road.

For more information call Rosanne Hofland at 408.253.8004 or visit our website at [www.krazydazys.org](http://www.krazydazys.org)

## UNITY PARADE UPDATE

Cupertino's Third Annual Lunar New Year Unity Parade kicks off a day-long multi-cultural celebration Saturday, March 12, honoring the area's broad spectrum of cultures.

Starting at 10:30 a.m., the parade route will follow Stelling Road in Cupertino from Jollyman Park to Memorial Park, where an International Fair will continue through 4 p.m. The free events, open to the public, will feature local area marching bands, ethnic dancers, martial arts demonstrations, vintage cars, community service organization parade teams and traditional Chinese Lion Dancers that celebrate good luck in the New Year.

"Our Lunar New Year Unity Parade and the International Fair offers a wonderful opportunity for a family-friendly celebration of our multi-cultural diversity," said Kris Wang, Parade committee Co-chair. "We invite everyone to join in this fun day of festivities and learning."

While the parade launches the day's events with music and participation from a wide variety of community groups, the International Fair further emphasizes cultural diversity with stage performances, ethnic cuisine and informational exhibits from several countries around the world.

"Our Lunar New Year Unity Celebration seeks to further a better understanding of the rich diversity that Cupertino is fortunate to enjoy," said Steve Andrews, Parade Committee Co-chair. "With the parade and international festival, we're happy to bring together our community's broad spectrum of cultures while celebrating the Lunar New Year."

Those interested in additional information about the events can contact Parade Committee Co-chairs Kris Wang at 408.257.7516 or [kris@kriswang.com](mailto:kris@kriswang.com) and Steve Andrews at 408.973.1348 or [firstwater@comcast.net](mailto:firstwater@comcast.net). Please go to [www.unityparade.org](http://www.unityparade.org) for complete details.

## CUPERTINO

### CUISINE: TURMERIC

By Hema Kundargi

The essence of good Indian cooking revolves around the appropriate use of mixed aromatic Spices. Base ingredients of such mixed spices are elements such as coriander, cumin, turmeric, red pepper, nutmeg, mustard, saffron, cinnamon, cardamom, ginger powder, paprika, mace, cardamom, cloves, and black pepper. The artistry lies in the subtle blending of these spices to enhance rather than overwhelm the basic flavor of a particular dish.

Each spice has a function. Some spices tenderize, others add heat, some color, others cool, some thicken, and others bring a necessary tartness, while others curb flatulence. Indian cuisine is as diverse as its culture, its racial structure, its geography and its climate. One spice, which is used daily and prolifically in appetizers, lentils, beans meat, vegetables, in every region of India, is turmeric. Turmeric, with its brilliant yellow color, has been used as a dye, medicine, and flavoring since 600 B.C.

Turmeric is a member of the Ginger family. Turmeric is the underground root or rhizome of the plant. This rhizome is boiled in water for 45 minutes, drained and dried in the sun for 10 to 15 days until they become hard and dry.

Then they are cleaned, polished and ground into powder. India is the world's largest producer and exporter of turmeric.

Turmeric has held a place of honor in India's traditional Ayurvedic medicine for thousands of years. It is used as a digestive aid and treatment for fever, wounds, infections, dysentery, arthritis, jaundice and other liver problems.

My grandmother, who was doctor, always gave us turmeric milk when we complained of sore throat and cough. She stirred a teaspoon of turmeric and honey in a glass of hot milk and made us drink this concoction before going to bed. As a child I hated drinking this concoction from the kitchen, I would



rather take the orange or cherry flavored cough syrup. Turmeric is mildly aromatic and has scents of orange or ginger with a pungent, bitter flavor.

Here is an easy recipe, my friend, Rekha Marathe, makes that is livened up with dash of magic yellow powder

### Flamboyant Cabbage Rice

- 1-cup basmati rice
- 1-teaspoon oil
- ½-teaspoon garlic paste
- 5 to 6 cloves
- ½-teaspoon turmeric powder
- 1-tablespoon limejuice
- 1-teaspoon sugar
- 3-cups finely shredded cabbage
- ½-cup finely shredded carrots
- 3-cups boiling water
- Salt to taste

Wash rice in water, drain and keep aside.

Heat oil in a big pan. Add garlic paste and cloves. Wait until it sizzles and releases aroma.

Add turmeric powder, cabbage, carrots and rice. Stir well. Add water, limejuice, salt and sugar. Cook on high heat for five minutes.

Lower the heat and cover the lid for next 5 minutes. Finally, turn off the heat, and let the steam finish the process of cooking with the covered lid. Fluff the rice with a fork and serve piping hot.

### Hema's Hints:

- Turmeric is also known as Indian saffron. Because of its bitter taste, turmeric should not be used as a flavor substitute for saffron.
- Turmeric is extremely pungent, and gets stronger when cooked. A little goes a long way, so use it sparingly when experimenting.
- Avoid touching your clothing when working with turmeric. It is a powerful yellow dye.
- The color of turmeric can vary widely due to different varieties.
- Buy Turmeric in small quantities as it loses its vibrancy in six months.



## LOW-COST


### HOUSING REPAIR PROGRAM

Sponsored by the city of Cupertino, Economic and Social Opportunities, Inc. (ESO) is helping low to moderate income families in Cupertino identify and improve hazardous conditions in homes and to fix minor home problems that will prevent more expensive repairs in the future.

Qualification for programs is determined by a combination of household size and annual income. The Home Access program assists homeowners and renters in building facilities for the disabled in order to increase the disabled's sense of independence and self-reliance. In the past, this has included the creation of special steps, wheelchair ramps, handrails, grab bars, and handheld showerheads. ESO's Weatherization Program allows homeowners and renters to reduce energy usage and utility costs. ESO achieves this through testing gas combustion appliances, through repairing doors and windows that compromise energy efficiency, and through taking other measures to save energy. The Handyworker program helps homeowners fix minor home problems. In the past this has included the replacement of broken water heaters and repairs related to plumbing or carpentry.

For more information on these programs, contact David Ramirez at 408.668.2529.

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



CCS is a private non-profit, community-based agency that provides direct assistance such as, food, clothing and housing, to low income and homeless individuals and families in the West Valley community.

They have the following volunteer positions available:

- Gleaner & Substitute Gleaners - shifts 1 to 1.5 hours. Open shifts, morning - Tuesday or Thursday. Pick up bread, pastries and produce from local grocery stores.
- Food Pantry - shifts 3 hours. Open shifts, morning- M,Tu,W,Th,F and afternoon - Tu,W,F. Regular and substitute food pantry volunteers to distribute food to clients. Sort,

shelve, stack and package food for clients. Next day preparation and clean up

- Front Desk Assistance - shifts 3 hours - After noon - Th,F. Greet clients and other visitors to CCS. Accept incoming clothing, food and miscellaneous donations. Answering phones & clerical duties. Data entry.
- Computer Technology Center - shifts 2-3 hours. Open shifts, morning - Monday. Instructor and assistants to lead computer workshops-Microsoft Office Suite, Internet, email. Assists clients during open access time.
- Family Resource Program - 1-10 hours per week shifts and on call positions. The Family Resources Program supports families who have children prenatal to five. Occasional weekend and non-traditional hours. Training will be provided. Maintaining & updating resources. Conducting presentations to preschools, community groups, parent groups & neighborhood associations. Participating in community outreach events, including resource table/fairs. Provide administrative support and research.

For more information or to sign up, visit our website at [www.cupertino.com/myservices.org](http://www.cupertino.com/myservices.org), or contact Vicki Yang at 408.255.8033 x303.

### BIG BUNNY FUN RUN IS COMING

5K/3.1 MILE RUN-1.5 Mile Walk

Saturday, March 26 at 9 a.m.

Race begins and ends at city hall.

Run is held rain or shine.

Deadline for early registration is Friday, March 18, at 5 p.m. Pre-race registration ends Thursday, March 24 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. Registration by March 18 to receive your T-shirt the day of the race. Anyone registering after March 18 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. Each participant will also receive a free day pass to the Cupertino Sports Center when they bring their Big Bunny Fun Run receipt with them on race day. Call 408.777.3120 for information.

## CITY MAPS ONLINE

The city of Cupertino recently made the City Map Guide, a dynamic application that allows users to view basic geographic information about Cupertino, such as city boundaries and aerial views of the city, available to the public.

This type of Internet-based mapping allows the user to view dynamic map information (objects within the map have ‘intelligence’: by selecting an object, you can retrieve information) typically through a web browser. This form of mapping is being used by many different organizations, for a multitude of purposes. Some key advantages to this type of technology are:

- Users have dynamic, live access to information. As information changes and is updated, users see the results immediately.
- Users can display and view multiple data sets simultaneously.
- Conducting queries for specialized information is much easier. The City of Cupertino uses Autodesk’s MapGuide product to share map information to city employees and the public.

Map Guide allows its users to view basic information like addresses and street names through pointing to a particular location on Map Guide. It allows users to zoom in or out of the map in order to see a specific location in relation to the surrounding area or even to the rest of the city. The service also allows access to property information about homes, including acreage, year built, and total square feet. It also enables users to view useful information about schools, as it color-codes schools by type (elementary, middle, and high schools, as well as colleges) and shows school offices that are located in the city. Users can also see zoning, as the application color-codes areas by commercial or industrial use, offices, parks, residential areas, and public or private land. Map Guide even allows users to view earthquake faults and flood plains in Cupertino.

Users of this service are required to download the free AutoDesk software. Visit [http://www.cupertino.org/doing\\_business/gis/dynamic\\_maps/index.asp](http://www.cupertino.org/doing_business/gis/dynamic_maps/index.asp) for more information.

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Better Part,” an award-winning program that covers stories of interest to seniors and the general public. Each show presents information, entertainment, and humor.

“On the Move” is an award-winning TV program that promotes local residents who are disabled. Each show centers on understanding, awareness and self-esteem of the physically challenged. It also supports and educates relatives, friends and others who interact with physically challenged people.

On “Indian Vegetarian Gourmet,” nationally award-winning chef, Hema Kundargi, takes us into her kitchen to share her creative authentic home cooking in a way that demystifies Indian cuisine. The recipes featured on the show use ingredients available at local grocery stores, and are adapted for the fast lifestyles of the Bay Area.

“Steel & Marsilio” chronicles the adventures of two narcissistic bumbling wannabe celebrities in their pursuit of fame and fortune. This sitcom/sketch comedy stars Garrett Steel and Joey Marsilio as the hapless anti-heroes in search of a decadent lifestyle that is further out of reach than they realize.

These four shows air on Comcast cable channel 15 several times throughout the month. For a local programming schedule please visit [www.kmvt15.org/proaramming/cupsched.html](http://www.kmvt15.org/proaramming/cupsched.html). To order DVD copies of any show, please call Kathy Phelan at 650.968.1540 or email, [kphelan@kmvt15.org](mailto:kphelan@kmvt15.org) For more information about Cupertino community-based shows please visit [www.kmvt15.org](http://www.kmvt15.org)

KMVT Community Television is a non-profit organization providing local television programming, multi-media training and production services to those who live and work in the cities of Cupertino, Mountain View and Los Altos. KMVT Community Television’s mission is to create a digital marketplace for the stories that connect the community. The services of KMVT Community Television would not be possible without the generous financial support of our communities. For more information on how to give, please contact Jeannie Conner at 650.968.1540.

## VOIP IN CUPERTINO:

### FIRST IN A SERIES

*By Charlon McIntosh,  
Telecommunications Commissioner*

In an effort to continue its charter to educate the community on issues related to current and new communications technology, the Telecommunications Commission will be publishing a 5 part series on Voice Over Internet Protocol also known as VoIP. This, the first article in the series, is intended to provide a general overview of VoIP technology. The purpose of the article is to answer the questions, "What is voice over internet protocol and how does it work."

VoIP technology will allow you to make telephone calls using a broadband Internet connection instead of a regular (or analog) phone line. VoIP allows you to make telephone calls using a data network like the internet. VoIP converts the voice signal from your telephone into a digital signal that travels over the internet. If you are using VoIP technology to place a call to an analog phone, the digital signal is converted back to an analog signal at the receiving end.

Internet voice calls can be made directly from your computer, from a special VoIP telephone, from certain wireless phones via a Wi-Fi network, or from a traditional phone with an adaptor. The equipment required to place VoIP calls will vary based on your chosen service provider. If you make a call using an analog phone with an adaptor you'll be able to dial just as you always have, and the service provider may also provide a dial tone. If your provider assigns you an analog phone number, then anyone can call you from his or her analog phone without using special equipment. Some services using VoIP may only allow you to call other people using the same service, still others may allow you to call anyone who has a telephone number - including local, long distance, mobile, and international numbers.

Some VoIP providers offer their service for free, normally only for calls to other subscribers to the same service. Some VoIP providers charge for long distance calls to numbers outside your calling area, similar to existing, traditional wireline telephone services.

Other VoIP providers permit you to call anywhere at a flat rate for a fixed number of minutes. You may also be able to use your VoIP service wherever you travel as long as you have a broadband internet connection available. In that case it would work the same as in your home.

Now that you know more about VoIP, please look forward to the commission's future articles outlining the advantages and disadvantages of VoIP, how to get the service, and the costs associated with VoIP.

This and additional information is available at [www.fcc.gov](http://www.fcc.gov).

## CUPERTINO

### SENIOR COMMISSION

*By Frank Yap, Senior Commission Chairperson*

Do you know that a new commission has been established to serve the needs of Cupertino senior citizens? The Cupertino Senior Commission was created by the Cupertino City Council in October 2003, and since then five commissioners have been appointed to serve on the commission. They are Estelle Incotati, Christine Pierce, Mavis Smith, Linda Walker, and Frank Yap, who are residents of Cupertino. The Commission has been granted a broad mandate, including, advise the City Council on matters relating to activities that provide recreational, social, educational, safety, housing, transportation, and health services to senior citizens.

The Commission meets at the Cupertino Senior Center. The meetings are held during daylight hours to facilitate ease of parking and driving for seniors. The schedule of meetings may be found on the City's website [www.cupertino.org](http://www.cupertino.org), and in the Senior Center newsletter "Active Senior News". Some of the issues the Commissioners have considered at their meetings thus far include the reinstatement of the Case Manager Program at the Senior Center, and the resolution of the membership fees there. The Commission has drawn up a work plan for 2005 to research and coordinate the resources that may be available to seniors in Cupertino and the surrounding areas.

All seniors are welcome to attend the meetings and are encouraged to bring forward any issues that may be of concern to them.



## **SIMPLY SAFE**

*By Marsha Hovey, Emergency Services Coordinator*

Medical Reserve Corps needs your help! Cupertino is developing a disaster medical response plan for the City. We are registering Doctors, Nurses, Physician's Assistants, Dentists, Pharmacists, Veterinarians, Ham Radio Operators, Psychiatrists, Psychologists, translators and other support personnel who would be willing to help during a major emergency – either at their office or at a remote treatment center in the City. Call OES for more information.

The Cupertino Office of Emergency Services wants every community member to be prepared for sudden emergencies. We've scheduled an entire year's worth of opportunities for you to learn more! Here is a partial list of classes. The complete list of dates is listed in the Emergency Preparedness section of the Parks & Recreation course catalog or by checking online at [www.cupertino.org/emergency](http://www.cupertino.org/emergency). Registration forms are also available at city hall.

**Preparedness 101.** In just three hours, you can learn how to care for yourself and your family during emergencies including fires and earthquakes. Learn when and how to turn off natural gas, how to use a fire extinguisher, what to do when telephones and electricity don't work, basic first aid and suggested emergency supplies for earthquakes. Fri, Feb 25, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. & March 16, 9 a.m. to Noon, or 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. This course is being offered every month until June.

**New Online Training.** The Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Emergency Management Institute have many classes available as Independent Study or online training. Go to [www.training.fema.gov/EMI/IS](http://www.training.fema.gov/EMI/IS) Click on "Our Courses" which will show you a long list of classes you can take including IS317 "Introduction to Community Emergency Response Teams".

**Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)** Twenty-hour course for community members who want to be part of the City's disaster response or want to organize their neighborhood Jan 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29. Three Fridays from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. and three Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

(Held again in April and October)

**Kaleidoscope** Feb 21-25, 9 a.m to 1 p.m. Emergency preparedness for 6th to 12 grades. Learn CPR, First Aid, earthquake preparedness, fire safety and extinguisher use, tour the 9-1-1 Center and learn about law enforcement. (Held again in April and August).

**Neighborhood Preparedness.** Train your neighborhood to be ready for disasters in just four hours! Call to schedule your session.

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

Start building an earthquake kit for your car. In January, find an old backpack or plastic container that you can keep in the trunk. We'll add to the kit next month.

For more information about being prepared, training schedules or volunteer opportunities, contact the Cupertino Office of Emergency Services at 408.777.3335 or email [OES@cupertino.org](mailto:OES@cupertino.org)

## **ADULT LITERACY TUTORING**

"ATLAS" stands for the "Academy for Teaching Literacy to Adult Students," a program of Sunnyvale-Cupertino Adult Community Education. Participation in ATLAS is free to all.

The main goal of ATLAS is to serve adults whose reading, writing, or math skills are below those of average high school students. Some students have had virtually no formal education others were successful students in other countries, learned to speak English fairly well, and currently need to improve their command of "formal" English.

ATLAS relies upon volunteer tutors to provide students with individualized instruction. ATLAS offers free training to our tutors. This training gives a broad overview of current issues and practical techniques in the field of adult literacy. Tutors work with students in one-on-one pairings or in small groups, while receiving on-going support and guidance from professional ATLAS site teachers.

Most tutors work with their students once a week. For more information, contact Lareen Jacobs at 408.522.2755, or by email at [lareen\\_jacobs@fuhisd.org](mailto:lareen_jacobs@fuhisd.org).



orphan's tear, An' he'p the pore an' needy ones 'at cluster all about,  
 (because if you didn't....) Repeat the Gobble-un's part!

Probably one of the most famous poems is Lewis Carroll's, "The Jabberwocky". We kids used to go around the house, solemnly intoning the immortal lines,

"T'was brillig, and the slithy toves  
 Did gyre and gimble in the wabe;  
 All mimsy were the borogoves,  
 And the mome raths outgrabe." And so

on -  
 Too bad this column doesn't have enough space for the "Animal's Fair", a wonderful

## CHILDHOOD POEMS AND VERSES

A favorite childhood book, "Through Many Colored Glasses", was rediscovered in a box recently. Readers of a certain age will almost certainly remember Paul Revere's Ride, A visit From St. Nicholas, Little Star, Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep, Mary's Little Lamb, Tiger, Tiger; and many others by Coleridge, Longfellow, Lear, Emerson, Tennyson and others. Who can forget learning Joyce Kilmer's, "Trees"?

Children, no matter what era, like words that rhyme and paint pictures in their imaginations.

Two of the scariest poems in this collection are indelibly etched in my memory today - "Little Orphant Annie" by James Whitcomb Riley and "The Gingham Dog and the Calico Cat" by Eugene Field. OK, they were scary back then, maybe you'd be hard pressed to find a child who would find them scary now. But the language in "Orphant Annie" lent itself to an earlier time - no TV, radio, video games - just a story in verse - four stanzas that each ended in ..... An' the Gobble-uns 'at git you.....Ef you...Don't.....Watch.....Out!" There were moral lessons to be learned in the last verse - "You better mind your parents, an' your teachers fond and dear; An' churish them 'at loves you, an' dry the



poem that could really increase a child's vocabulary. The one that always made a wonderful mind picture and fits the Bay Area - though he didn't write for us - is Carl Sandburg's little gem, "Fog"

The fog comes on little cat feet  
 It sits looking over harbor and city  
 On silent haunches  
 And then moves on.

So, this Valentine's Day, read a story or a poem to your little one(s) and if you are a child at heart, read one for yourself. Happy Valentine's Day, everyone!

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- \$300 to replace an existing wood burning stove or fireplace insert (must be 1990 or older) with a new gas appliance. Your old woodstove must be scrapped at Pick Your Part yard in Milpitas.

- \$100 to retrofit an existing fireplace by installing a new gas log set or a new insert.

Residents may purchase their new gas appliance anywhere.

There is limited funding. First come—first served. To check availability call (1-800) HELP-AIR or for more information visit the Air District's website at [www.sparetheair.org](http://www.sparetheair.org).

#### Woodburning Tips

The burning of wood in fireplaces and woodstoves is a major source of air pollution during the winter months. Those cozy wood fires in the winter unfortunately contribute up to one-third of the particulate matter in the air on cold, still winter nights. Particulate matter is a health concern especially for children, seniors and persons with respiratory problems.

Here are a few tips on how to reduce the pollution in your neighborhood:

- \* Instead of wood, use manufactured firelogs (they burn 50% cleaner)

- \* If you burn wood, make sure it's dried or "seasoned" for six to 12 months

- \* Never burn garbage or chemically-treated wood

- \* Consider switching to a gas fireplace (for the ambiance of a wood fire without the gases and the pollution)

To get an illustrated copy of the California Air Resources Board's Woodburning Handbook, call our local air district offices at 800-HELP-AIR, or view on-line at [www.sparetheair.org](http://www.sparetheair.org). You can also find the free handbook at the Quinlan Community Center, 10185 N. Stelling Road.

## COMPOST WORKSHOPS

The city will be holding free "how-to" backyard compost workshops on the first Saturdays in March, April, and May from 10:00 to noon at McClellan Ranch. Call 408.918.4640 to register or to get information about compost bins that are available, for \$40, from the County Composting Program.

## MID-LIFER CLASSES

"Mid-lifers" in our community are targeted by two classes featured in the Winter quarter for Sunnyvale-Cupertino Adult & Community Education (ACE). Baby Boomers who want to start putting pieces together for their next steps have raved about the initial class



"Baby Boomers: Your 25 Year Plan." In this class, participants explore the question: "What is appropriate for me in the next third of my life?"

In addition to this initial offering, ACE introduces the second class in this series: "Baby Boomers: Where You Gonna' Live?" Participants in this class look at where they want to live in their retirement years, learn about housing options, and explore the costs and benefits of alternatives.

"My goal is to help people look at how they want to thrive, and where to start," says Christine Kennedy Pierce, who conducts the Baby Boomer classes. "Baby Boomers are changing what it means to grow older. Just as we revolutionized industry and technology, so are we revamping the definition of old age." Ms. Pierce serves on the city of Cupertino's Senior Commission and is co-founder of Eldering Options, an organization dedicated to exploring options for America's aging generations.

For more information contact Sunnyvale-Cupertino Adult & Community Education at 408.522.2700 or <http://www.ace.fuhd.org>. Registration fee is \$45. Both classes will be on Thursday evenings, 7 to 9 p.m. at Fremont High School: "Your 25 Year Plan" – Feb 2, 9 & 16; "Where You Gonna' Live" – March 2, 9 & 16.

# 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  
[lindal@cupertino.org](mailto:lindal@cupertino.org)  
 Clubs with asterisks meet more than once monthly.  
 Call the contact number for details.

FEB.	Club/Organization	Time	Location	Phone
<b>1 Tues</b>	Alcoholics Anonymous*	6:30 p.m.	Redeemer Luth. Church, 940 S. Stelling Rd.	650-903-0321
	Women's Group			
	AI-ANON Family Group*	5:30 p.m.	Bethel Lutheran Church 10131 Finch Avenue	379-1051
	ToughLove*	7 p.m.	Bethel Lutheran Church	946-7970
	Cupertino Kiwanis*	Noon	The Blue Pheasant	252-3830
	Knights of Columbus 4981*	8 p.m.	10201 Imperial Ave., #3	243-8462
<b>2 Wed</b>	Cupertino Men's Service*	Noon	The Blue Pheasant	
	Cupertino Sr. TV Prod.*	9:30 a.m.	Senior Center	252-2667
	AI-ANON Family Group*	7 p.m.	940 S. Stelling Road	650-734-5869
	AI-ATEEN*	8:15 p.m.	Redeemer Lutheran Church, 940 S. Stelling	650-292-8897
	Cupertino Sanitary Dist*	8 p.m.	20833 Stevens Creek #104	253-7071
	De Anza Optimist Club*	7:15 a.m.	Holder's Restaurant	253-4424
	Cupertino Optimist Club*	12:15 p.m.	Blue Pheasant	255-3212
	Tandem Toastmasters*	Noon	HP, 19333 Vallco Parkway	285-4977
	Macintalkers	5:30 p.m.	Apple Computer De Anza 3, 10500 N. DeAnza Blvd.	<a href="http://www.macintalkers.com">www.macintalkers.com</a> vppr@macintalkers.com
	Toastmasters*			920-2224
<b>3 Thurs</b>	Cupertino Rotary Club*	Noon	Community Center	
	Philotesian Rebekah #145	7:30 p.m.	Cupertino Odd Fellows	252-3954
	Cup. Symphonic Band*	7 p.m.	Cupertino High School	262-0471
	Overeaters Anonymous*	7 p.m.	Union Church	247-8488
	Connect Club III*	8 a.m.	Chamber of Commerce	252-7054
<b>4 Fri</b>	De Anza Lions Club*	6:45 a.m.	Holders Country Inn	253-3219
	Cup. Host Lions Club*	7:15 p.m.	Mariani's Restaurant	252-6262
	Northwest Y Service Club*	6:30 p.m.	Northwest YMCA 20803 Alves Drive	725-8195
	Cupertino Amateur Radio Emergency Service	7:30 p.m.	City Hall	345-8372
	Women's Quilting Group*	9:30 a.m.	West Valley Pres. Church 6191 Bollinger Rd.	253-2984 252-0932
	Connect Club I*	Noon	Holders Country Inn	252-7054
	Connect Club II*	8 a.m.	Chamber of Commerce	252-7054
	HP Communicators Toastmasters #4606*	7 a.m.	HP Cupt. site, Bldg. 46T 19055 Pruneridge Ave.	650-691-8724
Overeaters Anonymous*	7 p.m.	Union Church	253-8394	
<b>5 Sat</b>	Alcoholics Anonymous*	5:00 p.m.	Redeemer Lutheran Church 940 S. Stelling Rd	374-8511
	Fast Start Group De Anza Kiwanis*	7:15 a.m.	Intl. House of Pancakes	973-1456
	De Anza Flea Market	8 to 4 p.m.	De Anza College	864-8946

<b>5 Sat</b>	Organization of Special Needs Families*	2 to 4 p.m.	20920 McClellan Rd.	996-0858
	Overeaters Anonymous*	9 a.m.	Union Church	842-0688
<b>7 Mon</b>	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
	Overeaters Anonymous*	7 p.m.	Union Church	650-327-1649
<b>8 Tues</b>	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
<b>9 Wed</b>	Krazy Dazys Square Dance Club*	7 p.m.	Collins School	245-9156
	The Powerful Pens	7:30 p.m.	Sunnyview Retirement Community, 22445 Cupertino Rd.	626-9784
	Cross-Cultural Consortium (5Cs)	7 p.m.		285-7332
<b>10 Thurs</b>	Quota Service Club* (Aids hearing & speech impaired)	Noon	Blue Pheasant	252-8568
	Cupertino-West Valley Welcome Club	11:30 a.m.		257-6136 252-1529
	Viewfinders Camcorder Video Club	7:30 p.m.	Community Center Cupertino Room	253-1985
<b>11 Fri</b>	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
<b>12 Sat</b>	Daughters of Norway	9:30 a.m.	Sunnyview Retirement Community	255-9828
<b>14 Mon</b>	Cupertino Odd Fellows*	8 p.m.	20589 Homestead Rd.	252-3954
	Fine Arts League	7 p.m.	Creekside Park	255-6559
<b>15 Tues</b>	African Violet Society	12:30 p.m.	Sunnyview Lutheran Home	736-9262
<b>17 Thurs</b>	Toyokawa Sister City	7:30 p.m.	City Hall	257-7424
	West Valley Republican Women	11:30 a.m.		252-6312
	Rolling Hills 4H Club	7 p.m.	Monta Vista Recreation Center	257-4745
	Embroiders' Guild of America	7 p.m.	Sunnyview Lutheran Home	578-5917
<b>22 Tues</b>	Historical Society	6:30 p.m.	Community Center	973-1495
	De Anza Youth Soccer League meeting	7:30 p.m.	Creekside Park	www.deanza youthsoccer. org
<b>23 Wed</b>	Rancho Neighborhood Association	7:30 p.m.	Rancho Pool & Recreation Facility	
	The Powerful Pens	7 p.m.	18000 Chelmsford	626-9784

*Deadline for submitting March calendar information is Feb. 2.*

## COUNCIL

## ACTION



### Regular meeting of the Cupertino City Council

**Tuesday, January 4, 2005**

Council Members Present: Kwok, Lowenthal, James, Sandoval, and Wang

Acknowledged receipt of award for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

Approved an application for an Alcoholic Beverage License for Todai Restaurant.

Waived fees for the AYSO 64 (soccer) VIP program (special needs youth soccer), estimated at \$2,000.

Denied an appeal of the Planning Commission decision to require retention of a deodar cedar tree at 22291 Cupertino Road.

Considered Application from Pinn Brothers for property at 20128 Stevens Creek Boulevard (formerly the Adobe Lounge) and continued the item for 3 months

Approved modifications to The Murano Development (formerly known as Saron Garden) to widen Poppy Way and add a parking lane.

Held two closed sessions and appointed a mediation team for City of Cupertino v. Ole Rasmussen, and hired legal counsel Meyers Nave to represent the City in a portion of the litigation Ned Britt v. City of Cupertino.

### Regular adjourned meeting of the Cupertino City Council

**January 10, 2005**

Council Members Present: Kwok, Lowenthal, James, Sandoval, and Wang

Made commission appointments Planning Commission: Angela Chen, Gilbert Wong, and Martin Miller. Housing Commission: Sarah Hathaway-Feit. Fine Arts Commission: Martha Bills and Nancy Canter. Audit Committee: Jim Weber. Library Commission: Janet Riddell, Ronald Miller, and Susanna Tsai. Bicycle Pedestrian Commission: Joseph Walton and May Koski.

### Regular adjourned meeting of the Cupertino City Council

**January 11, 2005**

Council Members Present: Kwok, Lowenthal, James, Sandoval, and Wang

Renewed bingo permits for St. Joseph of Cupertino Church and Cupertino Coordinating Council.

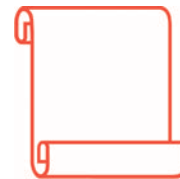
Authorized Toll Brothers to apply for a General Plan Amendment to allow up to 460 additional residential units on 26 acres located north of Stevens Creek Boulevard between Wolfe Road and Tantau Avenue.

Denied appeals of decision to deny two Massage Permit applications.

Held first reading of Ordinance No. 1956 repealing Campaign Finance reporting requirements and reverting to the Fair Political Practices requirements.

Scheduled meeting to discuss the Stevens Creek Corridor project with the Parks and Recreation Commission on March 7, at 7 p.m. in the Community Hall.

Scheduled Council goal setting session for February 4, 2005 from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Community Hall.



### Planning Commission meeting

**Tuesday, February 8, 2005, 6:45 p.m.**

**Applicant:** City of Cupertino, citywide.

General Plan amendment to revise the General Plan. Subject: Land Use.

**Applicant:** Dayna Aguirre (Velocitel, Inc.), 21840 McClellan Road. Director's Minor Modification with referral to Planning Commission to construct a wireless telecommunications facility at the Monta Vista High School gymnasium, with six antennas and equipment cabinets.

**Applicant:** Simon Lin (Cupertino Estates), 22291 Cupertino Road. Interpretation for the front of the lot of a single-family residence to change from Cupertino Road to Hillcrest Road

### Planning Commission meeting

**Tuesday, February 22, 2005, 6:45 p.m.**

**Applicant:** City of Cupertino, citywide

General Plan amendment to revise the General Plan. Subject: Public Safety

Please Note: Agenda items are subject to change. Prior to the meeting, confirm agenda with city clerk, 777-3223. Copies of agendas are available at city hall on the Thursday preceding council and planning commission meetings.

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### Monthly City Meetings

<b>February</b>	<b>1</b>	City Council***	6:45 p.m.
<b>February</b>	<b>2</b>	Design Review Committee (Conf. Rm.)	6:00 p.m.
<b>February</b>	<b>2</b>	Teen Commission (Sports Center)	6:00 p.m.
<b>February</b>	<b>2</b>	Telecommunications Commission (Conf. Rm.)	7:00 p.m.
<b>February</b>	<b>3</b>	Parks and Recreation Commission***	7:00 p.m.
<b>February</b>	<b>8</b>	Planning Commission***	6:45 p.m.
<b>February</b>	<b>8</b>	Library Commission (Conf. Rm.)	7:00 p.m.
<b>February</b>	<b>9</b>	Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm.)	4:30 p.m.
<b>February</b>	<b>10</b>	Housing Commission (Conf. Rm.)	6:30 p.m.
<b>February</b>	<b>10</b>	Public Safety Commission (Conf. Rm.)	7:00 p.m.
<b>February</b>	<b>15</b>	City Council***	6:45 p.m.
<b>February</b>	<b>16</b>	Economic Development Committee (Conf. Rm.)	8:00 a.m.
<b>February</b>	<b>16</b>	Design Review Committee (Conf. Rm.)	6:00 p.m.
<b>February</b>	<b>16</b>	Teen Commission (Sports Center)	6:00 p.m.
<b>February</b>	<b>16</b>	Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission (Conf. Rm.)	7:00 p.m.
<b>February</b>	<b>22</b>	Planning Commission***	6:45 p.m.
<b>November</b>	<b>23</b>	Fine Arts Commission (Conf. Rm.)	7:00 p.m.
<b>February</b>	<b>23</b>	Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm.)	4:30 p.m.

**CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON FEBRUARY 21 FOR  
PRESIDENT'S DAY AND FEBRUARY 28 FOR VOLUNTARY UNPAID  
FURLOUGH DAY.**

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