



Cherry Blossom Festival Blooms in Park

The 20th annual Cherry Blossom Festival honoring the 25th Anniversary of the sister city relationship with Toyokawa, Japan, will be held at Memorial Park, Saturday and Sunday, April 26 and 27. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free.



The event 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 and hands-on arts and crafts.

During the festival, a series of cultural displays and demonstrations will be featured at the Quinlan Community Center. This year's guest cultural exhibitor is Isako Wasano who, along with her students, will be displaying her handmade Japanese dolls and demonstrating her special techniques. Other cultural exhibits and demonstrations include ikebana (flower arranging), bonsai (miniature trees), suiseki (rocks without water), nihon shishu (embroidery), origami (paper folding), shodo (calligraphy), temari (decorative balls), sushi making and sumi-e (brush painting). Representatives of Silken Treasures will be on hand for a fashion show and Japanese storyteller, Megumi will enchant all with her tales. There will also be a fabulous display of Japanese Koi Fish sponsored by the Santa Clara Valley Koi and Water Garden Club. Look for them outside the Quinlan Center. Akita and Shiba Inu dogs will be shown on the lawn behind the food court.

All-day entertainment takes place in the park

amphitheater. Among scheduled events are three Taiko groups, Japanese dance, martial arts and children's musical performances.

Food offerings will include chicken salad, green tea, teriyaki hamburgers and hot dogs, teriyaki skewered corn, sushi, tempura, chicken teriyaki, udon noodles, gyoza (meat in Japanese pastry), yaki soba, fruit on a stick, ice cream, beer, sake, wine, soda and bottled water.

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



2002 Student Delegation

The festival benefits the nonprofit Cupertino Sister City Committee, which promotes friendship and student exchange programs between the two cities. Activities in celebration of the 25th anniversary include an exchange of gifts and visits

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Cupertino Scene

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Cupertino Temporary Library is Open



Library Hours in the Temporary Library

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

The Cupertino Temporary Library is located at 10441 Bandle Drive, one block west of De Anza Boulevard between Lazaneo and Mariani. Parking / Entrance at the back of the building.

Library telephone numbers are:

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

The library has a Web Catalog at <http://webpac.santaclaracountylib.org/>, as well as a Telnet Catalog at <telnet://library.santaclaracountylib.org>, and a Dial-in Catalog. A 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>.

Celebrate: National Library Week April 7 to 13, National Poetry Month during April, Young People's Poetry Week April 14 to 19

Schoolage kids:

Come in and pick up a Poetry Power Packet to get started with poetry anytime during Young People's Poetry Week.

Drop in between 3 and 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 15 for "Create-a-Poem Crafts."

Children's Storytimes

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.; Toddler Storytime (ages 1-1/2 to 3), Thursdays, 10:15 a.m.

Disneyland

Attention all junior high and high school students. April 23 through 26, travel to Southern California to experience the fun of visiting Disneyland, Magic Mountain, California Adventure, Downtown Disney, and Medieval Times. You and your friends can spend your spring vacation having the time of your lives. First, we will visit Magic Mountain - the Xtreme Park, guaranteed to make your stomach turn. The following day, it's on to California Adventure and Downtown Disney. That night, we will head over to Medieval Times where you will cheer your favorite knight on to victory in an adventurous dinner show. After another restful night's slumber at the Carousel Inn, it's on to Disneyland for a fantastic day of fun and excitement. Registration is \$335. Only 40 spaces are available, so sign up now. Fee includes: Chartered bus transportation, admission into all attractions, hotel accommodations, and supervision. You will not want to miss this great trip. For more information or to register please call Parks and Recreation at 777-3120.



Community Forum to Focus on Teen Issues

Parents, teens, teachers, school administrators, civic leaders, local law enforcement representatives, and interested Cupertino residents who care about teens and the future of our youth will gather at a city-sponsored community forum on Wednesday, April 30 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Quinlan Community Center, 10185 N. Stelling Road in Cupertino.

At the forum, Cupertino teens will talk about the major issues impacting their lives, such as stress, isolation, competition, and alcohol and drug abuse. School resource officers, school guidance counselors, city parks and recreation officials and other agencies will provide overviews of current teen programs. Community officials will share their ideas and visions to address the needs of teens.

Participants will also have opportunities to discuss their views and concerns about teen issues and will work with others to develop actions and recommendations.

The seventh annual forum is part of the City of Cupertino's ongoing efforts to promote dialogue, gather information, and build community. In past years, forums have focused on diversity, the development, and other issues of concern to Cupertino residents. For more information, call 777-3331.

Latino Culture is Topic for Citizens Group

Ruben Abrica, adjunct faculty member at the National Hispanic University and instructor at De Anza College will talk about local Latino history and culture at the Citizens of Cupertino Cross-Cultural Consortium's (5Cs) quarterly multicultural presentation on April 2. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in City Hall, Conference Room C.

Abrica teaches courses in multicultural education, Latino culture, and educational sociology and psychology. His experience includes working for Migrant Education summer school and serving as a Spanish language translator and teacher for the Peace Corps.

At its May 7 meeting, the 5Cs will review "Breaking Through" by Francisco Jimenez, pro-

fessor at Santa Clara University's Department of Modern Languages and Literatures and director of Ethnic Studies.

The memoir is about 14-year-old Francisco and his family who are caught by la migra (immigration officers) and forced to leave their California home, but soon find their way back. According to Publishers Weekly, the author explores the prejudice and challenges they face while also relaying universal adolescent experiences of school, dances, and romances.

The 5Cs organizes multicultural presentations, book reviews, and ethnic restaurant visits every three months. The 5Cs meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Cupertino City Hall, unless noted otherwise. Established in 1997, the group of residents was formed to create an infrastructure that promotes a harmonious, yet diverse community. For more information, call 777-3331.

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by members of the community to each city.

Parking is available at De Anza College. Purchase a one-day parking permit for \$2 from machines on lot (8 quarters required).

For further information about the Cherry Blossom Festival, call festival coordinators, Lucille Honig, at 257-7424 or Marge Taniguchi at 255-2093.



The Cupertino Store: Heart of a Community

The Cupertino Historical Society and Museum announces the opening of a new exhibit titled, The Cupertino General Store, Inc., Heart of a Community. The exhibit is an interpretation of the store that once stood at the Crossroads, the intersection of Stevens Creek and De Anza Boulevards, in Cupertino.

In 1890, the village of West Side, now Cupertino, consisted of a blacksmith's shop, a community hall, a cooper's shop, a doctor's office, the Union Church and a general-merchandise store. The Cupertino General Store was more than just a place to buy merchandise. To the people of Cupertino it was the first Santa Clara County library, post office, and social center where one learned the latest about crops and neighbors. Built by local architect Enoch Parrish, the store was originally owned by Alex Montgomery and later passed to James Dixon and Arch Wilson. The store reflected the needs of the small community, carrying everything from candy to dynamite.

Visitors to the exhibit can enjoy seeing health and beauty items, hair and grooming aids, children's toys, stationary supplies, and tools that date from 1890 through the 1940s. Also on view are pages from the old Sears catalogs, old letters, postcards and war ration books. Kids can weigh themselves on the old grocery scale and purchase penny candies at the store counter.

The Cupertino Historical Society meets the fourth Tuesday of the month. Gatherings begin with a potluck at 6:30 p.m. Participants are expected to bring a dish of their choice. The lecture begins at 7:30 in the Cupertino Room inside the Quinlan Community Center located

Cupertino Cherry Blossom Festival Schedule of Events Sat, April 26, 2003

Amphitheater

- 11:00 a.m., Opening Remarks: Bill Nishimoto, M.C.
- 11:05, Sunnyvale Suzuki Violinist
- 11:30, Palo Alto Kendo
- 12:00 p.m., Welcome Remarks, Mayor Michael Chang
- 12:10, 20th Annual Cherry Blossom Festival
- 12:20, "Stevens Creek, Naturally" Shirley Kinoshita, The Fine Arts Commission
- 12:25, Koi Club
- 12:30, Silken Treasures
- 12:40, San Jose Taiko
- 1:30, Bando Mitsusa Kai
- 2:00, Satsuma Dojo
- 2:30, Chikaho Kai
- 3:00, Cupertino Judo Club
- 3:30, Aikido of Silicon Valley
- 4:00, San Jose Taiko
- 4:45, Closing Remarks: Bill Nishimoto

Quinlan Center

- 1:00 p.m., Koto Studio
- 2:00, Silken Treasures Fashion Show
- 3:00, Tales By Megumi

Sun, April 27, 2003

Amphitheater

- 11:00 a.m., Opening Remarks
- 11:05, Fujimoto Kai of San Francisco
- 11:30, N. California Naginata Federation
- 12:00 p.m., Western Aikido Yoshō Kai
- 12:30, Somei Yoshino Taiko Ensemble
- 1:15, Bando Mitsusa Kai
- 1:45, Satsuma Dojo
- 2:15, San Jose Kendo
- 2:45, Okinawa Dance Academy
- 3:15, Cupertino Judo Club
- 3:45, Aikido of Silicon Valley
- 4:15, San Francisco Taiko
- 5:00, Closing Remarks

at 10185 North Stelling Road. The lecture is \$3 for non-members and free to members.

The Cupertino Historical Society is a public benefit corporation dedicated to the preservation and interpretation of the history and culture, both past and present, of Cupertino. It operates its main museum in the Quinlan Community Center. Museum hours are Wednesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and admission is free. For information call Christine Jeffers at 973-1495, or cuphistorysoc@juno.com.

Street Sweeping Schedule

The city street sweeping schedule is designed to sweep each street twice a month. Sweeping is done Monday through Friday, alternating weeks, with the exceptions of, the fifth week of a month, New Years, Fourth of July, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. This year, all holidays fall on weekdays. Scheduled sweeping on these holidays will be skipped due to the already full schedule for staff and equipment.

To find out when your street is scheduled to be swept, or for more information on the city's street sweeping program, call 777-3269.

Handel's Messiah, The Spring Sing

Sunday and Monday, April 13 and 14, 7 p.m.

West Valley Presbyterian Church, 6191 Bollinger Road, Cupertino.

The West Valley Presbyterian Church is hosting the 12th annual Spring Sing of Handel's Messiah. Sing it yourself accompanied by a full, 40-piece orchestra! It's easy to forget that G. F. Handel's beloved oratorio is actually Easter music. Come celebrate the season by singing the popular choruses and solos, as well as the less familiar Easter section that other programs usually omit.



Free, but required tickets are available by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to the church with number of tickets requested and date of performance desired. For more info, call 252-1365 or visit our web page at www.wvpc.org/messiah.

Senior Center Program Expands to Nights

Adults 50+ are offered a great variety of classes, social activities and services during the weeknights at the Cupertino Senior Center. Membership to the Senior Center is a must for taking classes or participating in social activities, however social services are open to anyone over the age of 50. Some evening programs are open to all seniors in the community. Fees are charged for classes, socials and membership.

Evening class offerings are in the areas of the arts, technology and fitness. The arts program features Beginning Japanese Flower Arranging on Tuesday evening and Beginning Watercolor on Wednesday evening. The technology program has three offerings: Mac 1 on Mondays, PC User Group on the first Wednesday evening of the month and Mac User Group on the third Wednesday evening of the month. The fitness program offers three different levels of yoga:

Gentle Yoga for the beginner, Continuing Yoga for advance students and Yoga for Seniors open to all levels. The Yoga classes are held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

Social activities held during the evenings are fun and friendly. On Monday evenings, Table Tennis is available and Duplicate Bridge is held on Wednesday evenings. The first Wednesday night of the month, an evening dance is held featuring D.J. music. The second Tuesday evening of the month, The Gathering is held. This event is a Persian cultural exchange social. Duplicate Bridge and Evening Dance are open to all seniors.

The social services program at the Senior Center offers a Caregiver Support Group meeting on the third Wednesday evening of the month. The time of this meeting is from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The Case Manager, Jackie Baddeley, facilitates these meetings.

Please contact the Cupertino Senior Center for program fees and registration information at 777-3150.

Simply Safe

by Marsha Hovey

Earthquake Preparedness Month. There's never been a better time to prepare. Information is available at Quinlan Center, the City Hall and Library. Here are some basic tips.

Being prepared for an emergency is easy. Being unprepared causes unnecessary anxiety and stress. Don't be a victim. Take charge of your safety and that of your family. Make this be the month you assemble these five basic preparedness supplies:

- **Water** – 1 gallon per person, per day – don't forget pets.
- **Food** – Dried or canned foods and a manual can opener
- **First Aid Kit** – Bandages, headache medicine, prescription drugs, etc.

- **Battery Operated Radio** – Store batteries outside the radio. Tune to KLIV 1590AM or KCBS 740AM for emergency information.

- **Flashlight or Light Sticks**

The Red Cross recommends you keep enough supplies for three to five days at home, in your car and at work.

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

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

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

2. 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 prod-

ucts 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.

Tips for Mobility Impaired

Be prepared. Before the quake, let your neighbors know you may need assistance getting out.

During a quake, your mobility will be affected and you may not be able to seek cover under furniture. If you are in a wheelchair, stay in it. Lock the wheels and cover your head with your arms. If you are in bed, or out of your chair, seek cover under a bed, desk or table. After the quake, debris may block your exit and elevators are not safe to use. Make evacuation easier by clearing a path, finding alternate routes, or securing objects, such as bookcases, that might block your path. If you are trapped, do any-

thing to attract attention. Keeping a whistle close by to help make noise. Keep a disaster supplies kit, including medications and eye glasses.

Great preparedness websites:

www.redcross.org and www.ready.gov

Need preparedness information in other languages? www.redcross.org/services/disaster/foreignmat

Shelter in Place

After the accidental or intentional release of a dangerous chemical, "Shelter in Place" instructions may be given. Shelter in Place means to remain indoors, turn off air conditioning, close all vents and seal out as much outside air as possible until the hazard passes. An interior room will provide the most protection. Be sure to keep emergency supplies with you at all times. Your local radio stations for emergency information are KLIV 1590AM and KCBS 740AM. Additional information about shelter in place can be obtained by contacting Cupertino OES or going to the Red Cross website, <http://www.redcross.org/services/disaster/beprepared/shelterinplace.html>

Homeland Security Advisory System offers general explanations for preparedness activities at each level, but these were intended mainly for government agencies. Across the country questions of



“What does a condition ‘yellow’ mean to me or my family? or What does this mean to a business or school?” are yet to be answered. The American Red Cross recognized the need and developed a complementary set of guidelines for the following areas: Individuals, Families, Neighborhoods, Schools and Businesses. Go to www.redcross.org for downloadable information or contact OES for a hard copy.

CERT Graduation

Congratulations to our most recent CERT graduating class who complete their training on April 5. This is the first graduating class of CERT Saturdays. They committed only one Saturday a month for three months and completed all the training. Don't be left out. Sign up for the next session of CERT. Bring two or three of your neighbors to help speed up your organization process. All communities are encouraged to attend. Special invitations go out to Milky Way, Orion Place, Orion Ct., Derbyshire, Lunar Ct., Robindell and Hunterson. Let's get prepared.

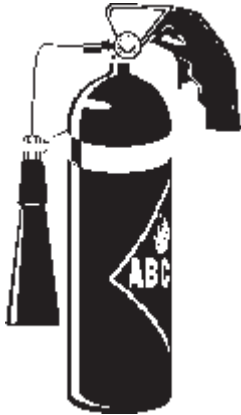
Concerned about keeping important documents with your emergency supplies? Put them in a Safe Deposit box, give copies to your out of area contact, or place them on a CD or Floppy Disk that is password protected.

Fire Extinguisher Sales and Recharging

April 19, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at City Hall. Home fire extinguishers should be recharged yearly, or after each use. Nikkel Fire Company of San Jose has offered to come to Cupertino and recharge extinguishers for \$18 each plus \$2 per pound of dry chemical. Call Cupertino OES, 777-3335, to schedule your recharge appointment or to purchase extinguishers.

Reminder to CERT team members

Regional earthquake drill on April 19 at 10 a.m. Contact OES if you have not registered to participate.



Basic Emergency Preparedness – FREE

A discussion of how to prepare yourself and your home for emergencies in the community. Designed for those who have done little or nothing to prepare. Learn about emergency supplies, turning off utilities and using a fire extinguisher. April 10, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., or 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Kaleidoscope Public Safety Camp

For grades 6 through 12, \$15. April 23-25 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., or July 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) - FREE

Day and Evening – Duplicate Sessions – Chose your time.

July 17, 24, 31, or Aug 7, 14. 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. or 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Graduation for both groups Aug 16, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

CERT Saturdays begins again on Aug 2. Spend only one Saturday a month, for three months, and take the complete 18-hour course. Aug 2, Sept 6, Oct 4.

CPR

\$10 per class - June 7 or 27

First Aid

\$10 per class – May 3, June 7, July 24

CPR and First Aid classes are free to CERT, CARES and Kaleidoscope members.

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

Get a piece of white fabric (sheet, T-shirt, etc) and keep it with your earthquake supplies. Following a major earthquake, check your home and family. If everything is OK, use the fabric as a “flag” and place it in a prominent location in the front yard. CERT team members and other responders know that if they see the white flag, they don't need to check on you...but if there is no white flag, there may be a problem. It really speeds up the rescue process.

To register for classes or request additional information on how to be prepared, go to “Emergency Preparedness” at www.cupertino.org/emergency, or contact Marsha Hovey, 777-3335 or email OES@cupertino.org. Registration forms are also available at the Library, Quinlan Center and City Hall.

Disposal of Fluorescent Tubes and Bulbs

Because fluorescent tubes and compact fluorescent bulbs contain a small amount of mercury, when they no longer work, they should be disposed of as hazardous waste. Be careful not to break the tubes or bulbs. Store them carefully and bring them to the County Household Hazardous Waste Program. Call 277-7300 for a free disposal appointment. The Program also accepts other mercury-containing products, including: pre-1997 tennis shoes that light up, "Silent" wall light switches, wall heater thermostats, broken mercury fever thermometers

If a thermometer breaks, collect as much of the spilled mercury as possible (two pieces of stiff paper can help to collect the mercury from a smooth surface), and place it into a small glass jar for transport. Do not vacuum up mercury. Vacuuming would contaminate the vacuum and aerosolize the mercury.

Mercury has been found in the sediment of some of the creeks in the South Bay, as well as in some types of fish (especially shark and swordfish). The cities throughout the Bay Area are making a concerted effort to prevent mercury from being released into the environment.

Symphonic Band

The Cupertino Symphonic Band will give a free concert on Sunday, May 18, 3 p.m. at Quinlan Community Center, 10185 N. Stelling Road, Cupertino. The concert will be conducted by



R o b e r t
G o m e z
and Tom
N a r c i s s o
and will
feature a
variety of
marches,
symphonic
favorites,
and show

tunes. Canned food donations for the Community Services are welcome. For more information call 262-0474 or visit our website at www.netview.com/csb.

Quota Staff Recognition Luncheon

Plan to recognize your staff at the Cupertino Quota Club Annual Salute to Staff Luncheon, Thursday, April 24, at Quinlan Center from 12 to 1 p.m. The main speaker at the lunch will be DeAnza College President, Martha Kanter. Cost is \$15 per person for 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.

Nupur Folk Dance Academy

This year the academy will be presenting the 3rd annual performance, "UTSAV 2003" from 5 to 7 p.m. on May 3rd at the Hyde Middle School Auditorium. For the past three years, Nupur Folk Dance Academy has been one of the leading folk dance



institutes in Bay Area teaching folk dances from India. The academy goal is to propagate the culture of Indian folk dances and make them as popular as other Indian classical dances.

Dance like any other art, is a universal language that crosses all boundaries, making it appropriate for multicultural, multilingual as well as the multigenerational audience. The themes will be mainly communicated through music, body language, gestures and facial expressions.

Folk dances from India are very vibrant and fast. The dancers dance and sway to the fast rhythm and the beats of the drum. Each folk dance is characteristic of the particular region and reflects the day-to-day life of the people of that region. Along with teaching the folk dances, every year, the Academy presents a performance highlighting folk dances from different states of India. For more information contact Nirmal Gosavi at nirmalgosavi@hotmail.com.

Crab Feed

Fremont Union High Schools Foundation Crab Feed "Fun" Raiser April 4, 2003
The Fremont Union High Schools Foundation's Fourth Annual Crab Feed "FUN" Raiser will be held on Friday evening, April 4, 5:30 to 8 p.m., at the Hinson Campus Center at DeAnza College. Once again, this event is being cosponsored by The Foundation, The Rotary Club of Cupertino, and DeAnza College. Tickets are \$30 and may be purchased at each high school office, Cupertino, Fremont, Homestead, Lynbrook and Monta Vista, and through the Foundation Office by calling (408) 773-1218. In addition to all the cold crab, pasta, salad and bread you can eat, there will be a silent auction, a live auction, and drawing prizes.



At last year's Crab Feed, over 900 people ate heartily and bid generously on outstanding live and silent auction items. Almost \$40,000 was raised, helping to provide Grants for Grads, support for the College and Career Centers at each of the district high schools, and technology grants. Tickets sold out in advance for the third year in a row, so get your crab feed tickets early. Tickets will not be available at the door. Call Barbara Juhl, at 253-6841, or Laurie Dean at 252-0758 for tickets and information.

Bicycle Rules of the Road



DMV Rule 21201: Bicycles ridden at night must have a white headlight, a red rear reflector, and white or yellow pedal reflectors.

Safety Tip: Follow lane markings.

Do not turn left from the right lane. Do not go straight in a lane marked right-turn only.

For more rules on bicycle safety check <http://www.dmv.ca.gov/about/bicycle.htm>.

Cupertino Language Program Turns Five

The Cupertino Language Immersion Program, the newest alternative education program of the highly acclaimed Cupertino Union School District, is celebrating five years of unprecedented success by having a Fifth Anniversary Banquet on April 5, 2003, at Hong Fu Restaurant in Cupertino.

Along with program families, school district, city, county, and state officials, and businesses have been invited to participate in this celebration. The evening will include entertainment by children of the program, a silent auction, an awards presentation, and a Chinese dinner.

The Cupertino Language Immersion Program, a two-way immersion program is an exciting and innovative way by which children develop the ability to speak, read, and write in English and in a second language. In this type of program, children learn in a very stimulating and creative way leading to intellectual flexibility and high academic achievement. Knowledge of more than one language and culture is becoming more and more important for our children's full participation in a culturally and linguistically diverse world.

The program, which started with just one kindergarten class in 1998, now has enrollment of over 170 children, and by fall of 2003 there will be over 230 children in this program.

Although Cupertino Union School District supports the program with teachers, facilities, and the English portion of the program, all aspects of the Mandarin portion of the curriculum have been financed by outside sources. Primarily through direct donation by the parents and supporters of the program, the funds raised have financed instructional aides in the classrooms, teacher salaries for curriculum development, and all Mandarin specific classroom teaching materials. Other items funded by parents and supporters include the Mandarin specific classroom equipment, Chinese cultural and enrichment activities, staff and parent development, and the hiring of grant writers.

For more information or to participate in this event please contact Diana Dong at 257-9894. If you would like further information on the Cupertino Language Immersion program please contact, Collins Elementary School at 252-6002.



Roots

By Gail

Fretwell Hugger

Follow the Trail

One of the issues being discussed by the city of Cupertino and citizen groups is the Stevens Creek Trail project. Some favor a natural, meandering path and some favor a hard surface, bicycle accessible surface. Whichever view prevails, it would be interesting to look at the area where a portion of the trail will go through the Blackberry Farm/McClellan Ranch Park sites and see what kind of history this area holds.

Down at the creek one day a few summers ago, (a favorite family hang-out for generations) my grandsons and I found a portion of an ancient Indian grinding bowl; probably washed down the creek bed with winter rains. It was exciting to examine the old, round stone with the ground out hole in it and talk about how the early inhabitants in our valley gathered acorns, and the time consuming grinding and leaching process that finally turned them into edible food. We sat on the creek bank for a long time, listening to the creek merrily tumbling over the rocks and the breeze sighing through the big trees lining the creek banks and thinking about what it must have been like 200 or 300 or 500 years ago, living near the water and gathering nuts and berries and hunting small animals - or maybe even a grizzly bear! It was a fun, thoughtful and special afternoon.

The well-documented Spanish exploratory and settler expedition, led by Juan Bautista De Anza came by the little creek in 1776. Father Pedro Font's diary talks about riding along the little creek, with dozens of Indians, running at a distance, shouting at the strange looking men astride their horses. De Anza had given his men strict instructions not to harm the Indians all along their route from Tubac, Arizona to the San Francisco Bay. What a sight these Spanish explorers must have been to the Native Americans, never having seen white men or horses or all their accompanying equipment. Father Font gave the area the name Arroyo San Joseph de Copertino, after the Italian saint from Copertino, Italy and

later on, the creek was called Cupertino Creek. They camped near the creek and the next morning, a March day in 1776, rode north a short distance, to a high knoll, from which they could see the huge expanse of water that is San Francisco Bay. I wonder what De Anza would think if he could see our valley now.

In 1844, a crusty, curmudgeon of a mountain man turned wagon train master, named Captain Elisha Stephens, led the Murphy-Stephens party of settlers from east of the Rocky Mountains, over the mighty Sierra Nevada mountains without the loss of a single life, an phenomenal accomplishment, given that they were practically blazing their own trail through hundreds of miles of wilderness and desert. (The ill-fated Donner Party, 2 years later in 1846, lost over 40 members of their party, coming over the Sierras.) The cantankerous Captain Stephens gave up leading wagon trains and settled on the banks of Cupertino Creek, where Blackberry Farm is now. Captain Stephens lived in his isolated cabin; hunting, trapping and fishing and ate rattlesnakes for dinner. (No, I am not making this up!) Folks who came by to visit always questioned him carefully about the menu before staying for dinner. In 1856, Captain Stephens stated that the area was becoming "too durn civilized" and moved to Kern County to Bakersfield, named after a friend - "Baker".

By this time, the whole of California was experiencing its first population explosion due to the gold discoveries in the Sierra foothills. The little Cupertino Creek and surrounding area were part of a huge Spanish land grant, Rancho San Antonio, established before California became part of the United States. When the newly arrived gold-seekers and settlers voted in 1850 to make California part of the United States, Spanish land grant boundaries and California settler's claims were hotly contested issues for the next hundred years. Next month we'll look at what happened to the Cupertino/ Stevens Creek area after Captain Stephens sold out and moved away. (For the reasons why it's called Stevens Creek and not Stephens Creek, you will have to read Mary Lou Lyon's little book on Captain Elisha Stephens.) Sources: The West Side and How We Grew by Robert Levy; Various historical accounts and papers - Cupertino Museum and author's collection.

ECO-News

By Pamela Ledesma

Recycling Rate

The city has recently received a determination from the State of California that our city was able to exceed its 2000 recycling goal of 50%, by reaching 58%. Residents and businesses should congratulate themselves this Earth Day, April 22, for a strong and consistent effort.

Businesses can celebrate Earth Day by committing to start, or expand, their recycling. Call city staff at 777-3241 for guidance. Remember, there is no charge for recycling. By not throwing recyclable materials away, your business may be able to save money by reducing your level of garbage service. The city can help you set up a program to recycle cardboard, all types of clean paper, cans, glass and plastic bottles (#1 and #2 plastic), and milk or juice cartons. For info about other materials, call city staff, or consult the County's recycling website: www.recyclestuff.org.



Computer Recycling Program

The city's computer recycling program, being handled by Apple Computer Co., has been collecting computers and other electronic equipment from city residents since October. Early statistics reveal that, from October through the end of January, 586 households have used the program, and 1,667 monitors have been collected and safely recycled. (Computer monitor screen glass contains about 20% lead. There is concern that this lead can escape from discarded monitors, if buried in a landfill.) Bring electronic equipment to 10300 Bubb Rd., Mon, Wed, and Fri; 8-4:30. Call 862-2667 for more info. The service is free to Cupertino residents.

Compost Available Again

Bulk compost is available again, at no charge, to Cupertino residents, Friday and Saturday mornings from 8:30 to 11:00, at Stevens Creek Quarry on Stevens Canyon Rd. (across from the dam). Bring shovels. Your drivers license will verify residency. Bags at the site are provided courtesy of Hanson Cement Co. Call 777-3241

or visit the city's website (www.cupertino.org) for information.

Learn to Compost

There are three more chances to attend a free backyard composting class this Spring at McClellan Ranch: April 5, May 3, and June 7. Class is held from 10 a.m. to noon. Call 918-4640 to register. Visit our compost bin display area to help you choose which kind of bin to build or buy.

Pest Control Info Available

Pest control factsheets that include information on less-toxic products and techniques are available again, this Spring, at two local nurseries in Cupertino: **Yamagami's** and **Summerwinds**, both on S. DeAnza Blvd., just south of Hwy. 85. Nursery staff have received special training on pest control and can guide customers in using an "Integrated Pest Management" approach to resolve their bug problems. Factsheets are also available at Quinlan Community Center and at the Cupertino library.

Free Low-Flow Toilets Available

The City of San Jose wastewater plant, which serves Cupertino, is offering free low-flow toilets to residents as replacements for old, higher-flow toilets. There is an upper limit of three toilets per household. They will be delivered to your home. Call 277-2600 for an appointment. Or you can see the program's toilet, and apply on-line at: www.slowtheflow/ulfts.htm.

Teacher Housing

The City of Cupertino Housing Commission will begin reviewing a proposal to provide housing assistance for Cupertino teachers on March 13, 2002. The proposed program would provide up to four \$50,000 loans to qualifying teachers for the purchase of a home within the City of Cupertino limits. Interested parties may attend the Housing Commission meeting at 6:30 p.m. on March 13, 2003 in Conference Room C at City Hall. If you are unable to attend the meeting and require further information, please contact Vera Gil at (408) 777-3251.

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.

APR.	Club/Organization	Time	Location	Phone
1 Tues	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
	Cupt. Toastmasters 4608*	6 p.m.	Community Center	973-7803
	Cupertino Kiwanis*	Noon	The Blue Pheasant	252-3830
	Knights of Columbus 4981*	8 p.m.	10201 Imperial Ave., #3	243-8462
Cupertino Men's Service*	Noon	The Blue Pheasant		
2 Wed	AI-ANON Family Group*	7:00 p.m.	940 S. Stelling Road	650-734-5869
	AI-ATEEN*	8:15 p.m.	Redeemer Lutheran Church, 940 S. Stelling	650-292-8897
	Narcotic s Anonymous	Noon	St. Jude's Episcopal Church, 20920 McClellan	998-4200
	Cupertino Sanitary Dist*	8 p.m.	20065 Stevens Creek #C	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	Compaq, 10501 Tantau	865-1815
	Cupertino Rotary Club*	Noon	Community Center	920-2224
Philotesian Rebekah #145	7:30 p.m.	Cupertino Odd Fellows	252-3954	
Cup. Symphonic Band*	7 p.m.	Cupertino High School	262-0471 777-3331	
Cross-Cultural Consortium (5Cs)	7:00 p.m.	Cupertino City Hall		
3 Thurs	De Anza Lions Club*	6:45 a.m.	Holders Country Inn	253-3219
	Cup. Host Lions Club*	7:15 p.m.	Mariani's Restaurant	252-2633
	Northwest Y Service Club*	7 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	International House of Pancakes / St. Crk. Blvd.	252-7054
	Connect Club II*	8 a.m.	Chamber of Commerce	252-7054
	Connect Club III*	Noon	Chamber of Commerce	252-7054
	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	
4 Fri	Alcoholics Anonymous*	5:00 p.m.	Redeemer Lutheran Church 940 S. Stelling Rd	374-8511
	Fast Start Group			

4 Fri	De Anza Kiwanis*	7:15 a.m.	Intl. House of Pancakes	973-1456
5 Sat	De Anza Flea Market	8 to 4	De Anza College	864-8946
7 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
8 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
9 Wed	Krazy Dazys Square Dance Club*	7 p.m.	Collins School	245-9156
10 Thurs	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 Club	7:30 p.m.	Community Center Cupertino Room	253-9136
11 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
12 Sat	Daughters of Norway	9:30 a.m.	Sunnyview Retirement Community	255-9828
14 Mon	Cupertino Odd Fellows*	8 p.m.	20589 Homestead Rd.	252-3954
	Fine Arts League	7 p.m.	Creekside Park	253-2230
15 Tues	African Violet Society	12:30 p.m.	Sunnyview Lutheran Home	736-9262
17 Thurs	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
22 Tues	Historical Society	6:30 p.m.	Community Center	973-1495
23 Wed	Rancho Neighborhood Association	7:30 p.m.	Rancho Pool & Recreation Facility	973-1600

Deadline for submitting May calendar information is April 2.

Council Actions



City Council Meeting Monday, March 3, 2003

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

5:00 p.m. – Conference Room A

Appointed Martin Miller to the Planning Commission and David Kim to the Fine Arts Commission.

6:45 p.m. – Council Chambers

Adopted a resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate \$600,000 in FY 2003-04 funding from the State Bicycle Transportation Account for the Mary Avenue Footbridge Improvement Project

Adopted a resolution authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute a reimbursement agreement with the Santa Clara Valley Water District for \$90,000 for the District to fund the efforts of the Watershed Protection Collaborative.

Adopted a resolution authorizing the Director of Public Works to negotiate and execute an agreement in an amount not to exceed \$90,000 for with CONCUR, Inc. for the administration of the Watershed Protection Collaborative.

Conducted the public hearing and voted for option B from the staff report to delay the schedule for the Crossroads Plan and evaluate it as part of the General Plan.

Took no action regarding labor compliance. Moved to have staff review and give an interim report on March 17, regarding Sandoval's proposed policy on responsible contracting.

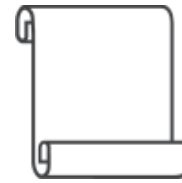
City Council Meeting Tuesday, March 4, 2003

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

Directed staff to identify how hillside exceptions for residential development are reviewed and approved process as a design review process instead of an exception process.

Referred the housing assistance program for Cupertino teachers to the Housing Commission to evaluate the process and report back to Council, and requested to remove the policy which allowed houses to be purchased outside City limits.

Agenda Previews



City Council Meeting Monday, April 7, 2003

6:45 p.m.

Proclamation for the Future Business Leaders of America.

Presentation to Parks and Recreation Supervisor Tom Walters.

Presentation from Carl Guardino and Rocky Hill regarding an update on the Housing Trust and opportunities as a result of Prop 46.

Accept Citizens' Option for Public Safety (COPS) Grant Allocation.

Accept California Law Enforcement Equipment Program (CLEEP) High Technology Grant.

Accept municipal improvements (off-site), The O'Brien Group (Oak Valley), Subdivision Improvements.

Hold a public hearing regarding adoption of the 2003-04 Fee Schedule.

Initiate a General Plan Amendment regarding the Use Permit for the Blue Pheasant.

Discuss the possible cancellation of the Council meeting on April 21.

Receive a status report on the Voluntary Student Parking Permit Program.

Planning Commission Meeting

Monday, April 14, 2003

6:45 p.m.

April 14, 2003, 6:45 p.m.

Applicant: Prometheus, 20800 & 20900 Homestead Road.

Tentative Map to subdivide a 23.86-acre parcel into four lots. Lots 1 and 3 will be mapped for 542 condominiums and one lot held in common.

Use Permit to demolish 194 existing apartment units and construct five buildings totaling 542 units on approximately 10 acres of two existing apartment complexes (Villa Serra and The Grove).

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April	2	Telecommunications Commission	7:00 p.m.
April	3	Parks and Recreation Commission***	CANCELLED
April	7	City Council***	6:45 p.m.
April	8	Teen Commission (Community Center)	5:30 p.m.
April	9	Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm.)	4:30 p.m.
April	10	Housing Commission (Conf. Rm.)	6:30 p.m.
April	10	Public Safety Commission (Conf. Rm.)	7:30 p.m.
April	14	Planning Commission***	6:45 p.m.
April	15	Library Commission (Conf. Rm.)	7:30 p.m.
April	16	Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission (Conf. Rm.)	7:00 p.m.
April	21	City Council*** Check for cancellation	6:45 p.m.
April	22	Fine Arts Commission (Conf. Rm.)	7:30 p.m.
April	24	Teen Commission (Community Center)	5:30 p.m.
April	28	Planning Commission***	6:45 p.m.
April	30	Community Forum on Teen Issues	4:00 p.m.

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