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AFTERSCHOOL ENRICHMENT

ART • CHESS • COMMUNICATION & DEBATE • SCIENCE • STEM • CODING • MUSIC & MORE

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

- DeVargas • Dilworth • Eaton • Eisenhower
- Garden Gate • Meyerholz • Nimitz
- Regnart • Steven Creek • West Valley

CLASSES OFFERED

- Art • Chess • Communication & Debate
- Science • STEM • Coding • Music

REGISTRATION BEGINS:

Week of January 9th

CLASSES BEGIN:

January 30th

Like to see these programs at your school? Contact your school administrator.
This includes middle schools!

Questions? Contact the Cupertino Recreation and Community Services Department
(408) 777.3120 OR visit www.cupertino.org/afterschoolenrichment

Participating schools and classes offered are subject to change



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MANAGING THE MESSAGE

were given (in order):

1. **Public Safety** (including the Sheriff's Office, Fire Department, and emergency services)
2. **Community Events**
3. **Community Development** (including building, planning, housing, and economic development)
4. **Public Works** (including capital projects, and parks and road maintenance)
5. **Environmental Services** (including energy efficiency, waste reduction, and water conservation)

These results are not surprising. They reflect everything one would expect from an educated and well-informed community like Cupertino.

But some difficult decisions had to be made. The Scene will no longer be divided into sections, such as Eco News and Library News, or the columns Roots and Simply Safe.

Instead we've opened up the newsletter to allow for a greater variety of stories, voices, and information.

However, much of the same information from those columns will still be highlighted in the Scene. It will just look a bit different.

We understand that change can be difficult, but we believe the new format will be a benefit to our residents.

This is all part of a larger effort to extend and expand the City's communication efforts with the public. The City Council and staff are dedicated to ensuring that residents have access to timely, engaging, and important information.

The changes in this newsletter reflect that ideology. So does the approach the City has taken with its social media accounts, where staff has been working diligently to post more often and respond quickly to residents' questions and comments.

Residents will also notice City Council members, Commissioners, and staff more often at events as the City hosts more informational tables.

We'll see you out there.

David Brandt
City Manager

It's a new year and a new Scene. Although the design looks different, this newsletter contains much of the same information residents have come to expect to receive.

The new design—with a bigger page size—allows for the use of larger fonts (for easier reading), better use of images and photographs (to assist in storytelling), and more room for pullouts and graphs (to help explain complicated information).

Back in November 2016, the City surveyed the community and asked what it was that residents hoped to learn from reading the Scene. More than 170 people gave us their input.

The top five topics of interest that

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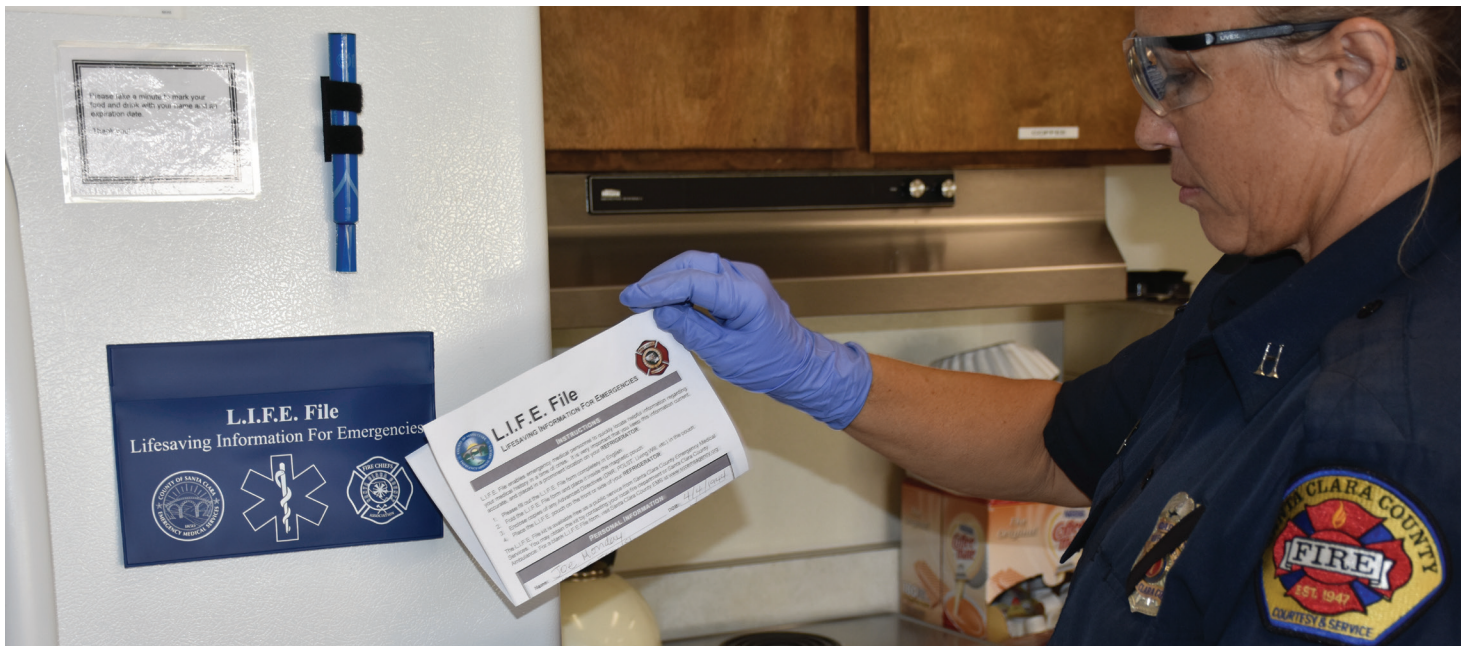
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Questions or comments about *The Scene*? Contact staff at scene@cupertino.org.



4 | L.I.F.E.

When responding to a medical emergency, firefighters and paramedics rely heavily upon the patient, caretaker, or family member to provide medical background information to help with the treatment and care of the patient. Occasionally patients are alone and unresponsive, or caretakers are not knowledgeable of the patient's background. But now residents are able to provide life-saving information in one place, located right on their refrigerators.

Lifesaving Information for Emergencies

The L.I.F.E. File is a vinyl magnetic pouch that can be placed on the front or side of your refrigerator, where fire fighters and paramedics are trained to check for medical information. Personal, emergency contact, medical, and medication information needs to be filled out on the L.I.F.E. File form provided in the pouch. Instructions on how to use the form properly is on the right.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Fill out the L.I.F.E. File form in full (The Fire Department requests that it be completed in English).
2. Fold the L.I.F.E. File form and place it inside the magnetic pouch.
3. Enclose copies of any advanced directives (Living Will, Physician Orders for the Life-Sustaining Treatment, Do Not Resuscitate, and others) in the pouch.
4. Place the L.I.F.E. pouch on the front, or side, of your refrigerator.



Obtain One of these Free Lifesaving Kits

To receive a free L.I.F.E. kit, contact the Santa Clara County Fire Department at (408) 378-4010. For more information on the Fire Department's services, visit www.sccfd.org.



2017 New Year's Resolution: Shop and Dine More in Cupertino

SUPPORTING SMALL BUSINESSES IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER, AND DESERVES TO BE A PART OF YOUR EVERYDAY ROUTINE.

After polling and engaging the community last fall, the Cupertino City Council approved an ordinance as part of a regional effort to increase the minimum wage to \$15 an hour by 2019.

This timeline is more aggressive than the minimum wage law signed by Governor Jerry Brown in April 2016, which increases the State minimum wage to \$15 by 2022.

The minimum wage has increased from \$10 an hour to \$12 an hour for all workers within Cupertino, which became effective January 1, 2017. The minimum wage will increase annually based on the consumer price index.

These minimum wage increases intend to lift the standard of living for many workers in Cupertino, which is a positive step for everyone in our com-

munity. However, it is also important to understand that all restaurants and small businesses are affected by having to adapt to these increases in labor costs.

The increase in the minimum wage is likely to be reflected in slightly higher prices at your favorite Cupertino restaurants or retail stores in order for business owners to continue operating and serving our community.

Show your support for the changes by continuing to patronize these businesses and letting them know that you understand that our entire community is in this together.

When you consider how many small businesses surround you in your everyday lives, it is inspiring to realize the amount of time, commitment, and labor these hard-working individuals put into making their businesses sur-

Minimum Wage Timeline

January 1, 2017
\$12.00

January 1, 2018
\$13.50

January 1, 2019
\$15.00

More Information:

www.cupertino.org/wagewatch

vive and thrive to serve you.

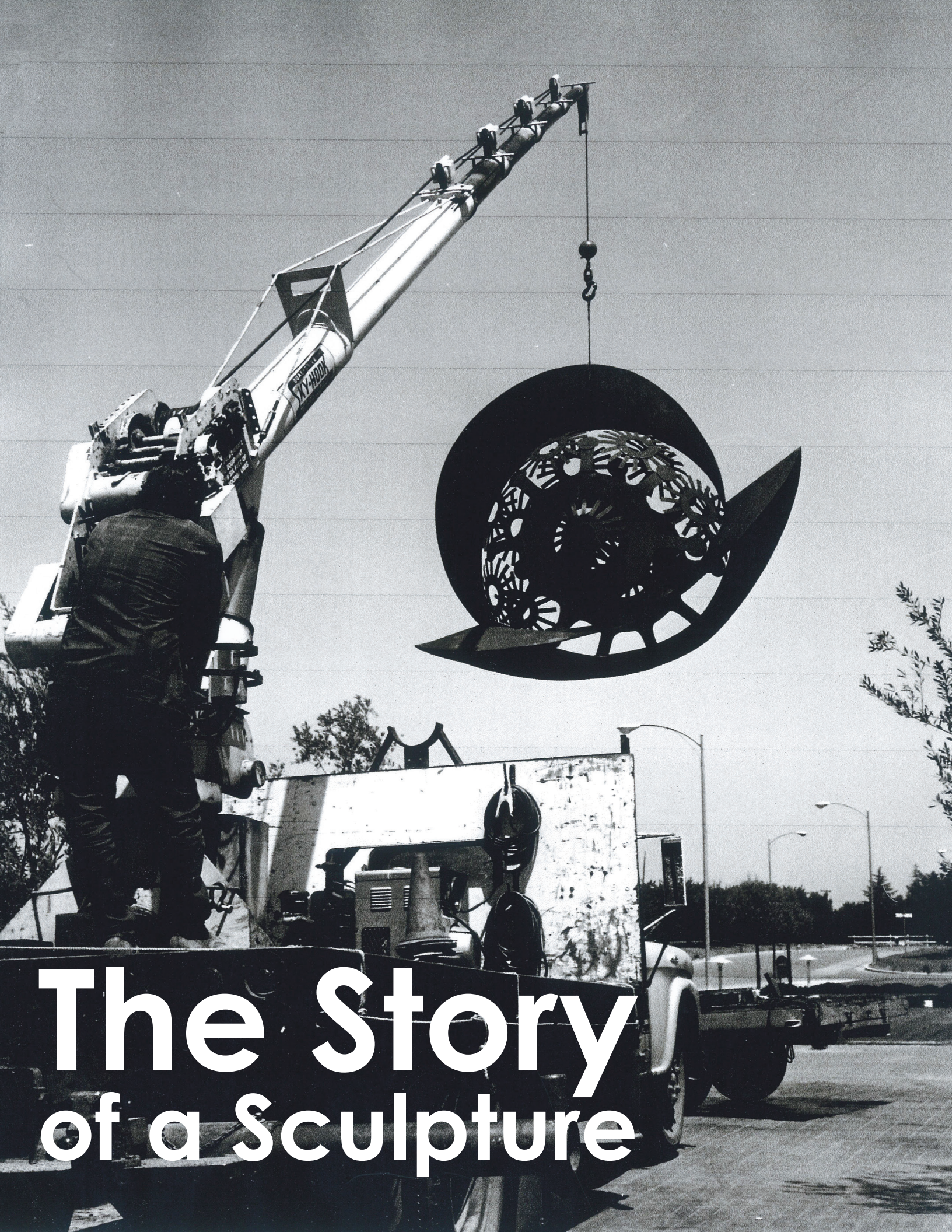
As you may have personally experienced, many local businesses generously give back to our community through sponsorships and donations to local organizations and causes.

Small businesses also help shape our community character, strengthen economic vitality, as well as develop strong partnerships among neighbors, residents, other small business owners, community leaders, and schools.

Supporting small businesses is more important than ever, and deserves to be part of your everyday routine.

For additional information on the minimum wage increase, please visit www.cupertino.org/wagewatch.

*Economic Development Manager
Angela Tsui contributed to this article.*



The Story of a Sculpture

At the corner of Torre and Rodrigues avenues stands a 20-foot-tall silent sentry to Cupertino's past. Schoolchildren and their parents walk by the sculpture every day on the way to class, while bicyclists and drivers pass by on their way to work, City Hall, or the library.

Some don't notice the large rust-finished helmet as they go about their daily routines, especially during the fall when it blends in seamlessly with the red- and orange-colored leaves of the trees that surround it. But those who do look up usually have the same question: What is that?

The sculpture is a stylized version of a morion (pronounced mohr-ee-on) which is a Spanish conquistadores helmet. And it's been Cupertino's symbol since the 1970s.

Why a Spanish Helmet?

The area now known as Cupertino was claimed by the Spanish in 1776 by explorer Juan Bautista de Anza. That name is familiar to every Cupertino resident who uses De Anza Boulevard, which cuts through the heart of the City between Prospect Road to the south and Homestead Road to the north.

Fast forward 200 years when the City Council in the 1970s had a decision to make on artwork for an upgraded Civic Plaza.

According to local history, the Council had to select either the morion sculpture—at a cost of approximately \$10,000—or a statue of Juan Bautista de Anza on a horse for an amount anywhere from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

The Council decided to be prudent with the taxpayers' dollars and went with the cheaper option. Thus, the morion became the City of Cupertino's official symbol.

Interestingly, it's believed that de Anza himself never wore a morion. Instead, he most likely wore a plain, black, wide-brimmed hat which was more comfortable to wear and helped protect his face and neck from the elements as he trail blazed through California.

The Life of the Morion

The morion sculpture was purchased by the City in 1971 and placed on a three-legged base in the Civic Center Plaza, where it sat for over a decade.

In 1987, as a 25th anniversary gift, the City created a replica of the sculpture and presented it to its Sister City Toyokawa, Japan, where it still stands. (Fun Fact: There was a brief debate among Councilmembers on whether the City would gift a replica of the statue or give the original statue to its Sister City.)

One year later the sculpture was relocated to the side of the old Cupertino Library on Torre Avenue.

When the building was demolished to make way for a new library and community hall, the sculpture was dismantled, refurbished, and then finally moved to the corner of Torre and Rodrigues avenues when the new Civic Center was completed in 2004.

Learn More About Cupertino History

Tucked away in a cozy corner of the Quinlan Community Center is the Cupertino History Museum. The museum is open between Wednesday and Saturday from 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. (depending on volunteer availability). Admission is free.

The room is filled with historical documents and artifacts, rotating exhibits, and a gift shop—where you can purchase Cupertino history books, bookmarks, T-shirts, and even a “historical scenes” blanket.

The museum is run by the Cupertino Historical Society with a purpose of creating a passion for the past. The Historical Society has collected more than 3,000 artifacts that span more than 100 years of Cupertino history.

Visit the museum's website at www.cupertinohistoricalsociety.com or check it out in person at the Quinlan Community Center, located at 10185 N. Stelling Road.

The Cupertino Historical Society, Gail Fretwell-Hugger, and Donna Austin contributed to this article.

ROOTS: A GOODBYE

by Gail Fretwell-Hugger

In thinking about what to write about for this last column, several things came to mind.

First of all, “Roots” became a part of the Scene many years ago through the efforts of Cupertino old-timer Henrietta Marcotte, one of the founders of the Cupertino Historical Society and Museum.

She had phenomenal recall for people, places, dates, sites, events, and the earliest history of Cupertino. She also helped with the “Traveling Trunk” and regaled schoolchildren in our district with tales of the old days in Cupertino as she shared farm, home, and school artifacts with them.

When Henrietta's eyes began to tire in her older years, she called me one day and asked me to come to visit her at her home. When I got there, she had historical articles and older Cupertino Scenes spread out on her large table. She handed one to me and commanded, “Here! You are going to write ‘Roots’ now!”

One did not say “no” to Henrietta and that is how I started doing “Roots” in September of 1996. My first story was about the Louis Portal House, which once stood between present-day Blaney Avenue and Wolfe Road.

Other contributors to “Roots” included Diane Zeigler Ikeda and Yvonne Holt. They were both long-time Monta Vista residents.

The early Cupertino Scenes were under the editorial supervision of Cupertino's leading lights - Dan O'Keefe, James Jackson, and Reed Sparks - all served on the City Council and wrote the news for the Scene, often adding humorous comments.

I'll miss writing “Roots” and hearing from its readers. God bless you all and may you enjoy all the good rain we've been receiving. Come visit the Cupertino Museum at Quinlan Center and we'll show you lots more information about Cupertino's “Roots”!

GET IN THE CUPERTI-*know*

What's going on around town?

**WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 8**

**Cupertino Safe Routes 2
School Parent Meet-up**

Cupertino Community Hall
10350 Torre Avenue
3 - 5 p.m.



Cupertino Teen Center 

TEEN CENTER

**Cupertino Sports Center
2111 Stevens Creek Boulevard**

A safe place for Cupertino
teens to study, hang out, or
meet new friends

www.cupertino.org/teencenter

CANADIAN ROCKIES BY TRAIN SEPTEMBER 14-22

FOR CUPERTINO SENIORS
MORE INFO & SIGN UP AT
www.cupertino.org/seniors



CREST AWARDS

**Nominate someone who is
an outstanding volunteer**

Nominations must be submitted
by Friday, March 10

www.cupertino.org/crest



FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENTS

The Rotary Club of Cupertino 2017 Crab Feed and Auction

Friday, February 3, 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
St. Joseph's Church, Church Parish Hall
10110 De Anza Blvd.
\$50 per person (**\$25 tax deductible)
Tickets: <http://bit.ly/CupRotaryCrabs>

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Cupertino Safe Routes 2 School Parent Meef-Up

Wednesday, February 8, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Cupertino Community Hall
10350 Torre Avenue
A strategy session for creating safer routes to school, featuring City of Palo Alto's Safe Routes to School program.

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19th Annual Lunar New Year Luncheon

Friday, February 10
Dynasty Restaurant, 10123 N Wolfe Road
The Cupertino Chamber of Commerce and The Asian American Business Council Proudly Present the 19th Annual Lunar New Year Luncheon. Celebrate the cultural diversity of the Cupertino Business Community.

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Santa Clara County Legal Professionals Association's 7th Annual Crab Feed

Saturday, February 11, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Quinlan Community Center
10185 N Stelling Rd.
Adults: \$45 - Children (4-12): \$20
Tickets: www.sccolpa.org/drupal/Events

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Save the Date! Fremont Union High School's Foundation Annual Crab Feed & Vegetarian Feast Fundraiser

Friday, April 7, 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
De Anza College
21250 Stevens Creek Boulevard
\$55 for crab or veggie (including meat options) or \$75 for both

SENIOR CENTER

For more information on the Senior Center, or to sign up for classes or events, visit www.cupertino.org/seniors or stop by 21251 Stevens Creek Boulevard.

Events / Socials

Chinese New Year Celebration and Birthday Bash

Wednesday, February 8, 12 p.m.
Enjoy a Chinese meal and cultural entertainment as the lion dancers ring in the New Year. Pre-registration is required, and

a vegetarian option is available when registering. Members \$12, senior guests add \$5 day pass.

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Lunch with Friends

Thursday, February 15 & 22, 11:45 a.m.
Pre-registration is required, and a vegetarian option is available when registering. Member fee is \$6, senior guests add \$5 day pass.

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Monthly Movie

Wednesday, February 22, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
"Shall We Dance" (2004)
Members free, senior guests pay \$5.

Classes / Presentations

Legal Planning for the Future

Monday, February 6, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
Attend this informational presentation to learn about all aspects of capacity planning. Sign up at the lobby table.

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Advanced Care Planning

Monday, February 6, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Learn about choosing a health care agent and how to complete an Advanced Health Care Directive for families and health care providers. Members are free, senior guests pay \$5 guest pass. Sign up at the lobby table.

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The Age of Love

Monday, February 13, 1-4 p.m.
This documentary follows the humorous and poignant adventures of 30 seniors in Rochester, NY who sign up for a first-of-its-kind speed dating event exclusively for seniors. Open to the public. Sign up at the Senior Center lobby table.

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Downloadable Music

Wednesday, February 15, 10-11 a.m.
Learn about Freegal, a mobile application, that is completely free and a legal way to access a collection of almost 7 million songs. Members are free, senior guests pay \$5 guest pass.

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Music and News

Wednesday, February 22, 10-11 a.m.
Take this opportunity to learn about Medici.tv and the New York Times online! Members are free, senior guests pay \$5 guest pass. Sign up at the lobby table.

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Social Services

Volunteer Nurse - Blood Pressure Checks

Mondays, February 13, 27, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Tuesdays, February 7, 21, 12:15-1:15 p.m.

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Health Insurance Counseling (HICAP)

Mondays, February 13, 27, 1-3 p.m.
Consultation on Medicare and health insurance. Please call (408) 777-3150 to make an appointment.

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Housing

Monday, February 6, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
A list of housing resources and contact information are provided to help you independently search for housing. Please call (408) 777-3150 to make an appointment.

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Senior Adult Legal Aid (SALA)

Friday, February 3, 10, 17, 10:30-12:30 p.m.
Provides free assistance to elders for basic legal matters in public benefits, long-term care, elder abuse, housing, consumer issues, incapacity planning, probate alternative, and simple wills. Must be 60 or older and live in Santa Clara County. Please call (408) 777-3150 to make an appointment.

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Drop-in Consultation with Case Manager

Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
A Case Manager is available to discuss community resources, benefits, and care options during the drop-in hours. Case Manager is also available by appointment. Cantonese/Mandarin available.

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Caregiver Support Group

Thursday, February 9, 3-4:30 p.m.
Provides a safe place for family caregivers to share their experiences and challenges. Join our circle of support.

Senior Travel

Call (408) 777-3150 for info on trips.

Marvelous Monterey, \$116

Wednesday, February 1

Napa Valley Wine Train, \$217

Friday, February 10

Steinbeck House and National Steinbeck Center, \$113

Thursday, February 16

Sunday Brunch with Attitude, \$129

Sunday, March 12

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CUPERTINO LIBRARY

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For more information on library programs, visit the events section of the library's website at www.sccl.org/cupertino.

A Multimedia Talk from the Asian Art Museum: Celebrate Lunar New Year

Wednesday, February 1, 7 p.m.

Cupertino Community Hall

A speaker from the Asian Art Museum will present an educational and entertaining multimedia program in celebrating Lunar New Year. Sponsored by the Friends of the Cupertino Library.

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Nothing But Noir! A Film Series

Sponsored by the Cupertino Library Foundation. All showings are at 1:15 p.m. on Thursdays. Registration is free, sign up at www.cupertinolibraryfoundation.org.

February 2: Mildred Pierce (1945)

February 9: Murder My Sweet (1944)

February 16: Kansas City Confidential (1952)

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Introduction to Arduino (Two Workshops)

Sundays, February 5, 12 from 2-5 p.m.

Cupertino Library Story Room

Instructors from CuperTinker Space maker group will provide hands-on introduction to Arduino. For Adults ages 18 and over. Seating is limited. Both sessions are the same; please register for only one. Online registration begins on Monday, January 16, 2017 at 10 a.m.

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English/Mandarin Bilingual Storytime

Monday, February 6, 11:15 a.m.

Cupertino Library Story Room

Stories, songs, fingerplays and a craft for children ages 2 - 5. Storytime will be conducted in English and Mandarin.

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Trivia Contest

Thursday, February 9, 7 p.m.

Cupertino Library Story Room

Come have fun, bring your friends, and join the Cupertino Library for an evening of trivia. Sponsored by the Friends of the Cupertino Library. (Adults 18+. Seating is limited. Online registrations begins on Thursday, January 26 at 10 a.m.)

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Friends of the Cupertino Library Book Sale

Saturday, February 11, 9-3 p.m.

Sunday, February 12, 12-3 p.m.

Cupertino Community Hall

Come on in and browse the gently-read books for sale. You never know what treasures you can find!

Cupertino City Council Meeting Tuesday, December 6, 2016

Closed Session City Council Meeting

Present: Mayor Barry Chang, Vice Mayor Savita Vaidhyanathan, and Council members Rod Sinks and Gilbert Wong.

Absent: Vice Mayor Darcy Paul

Gave direction to Staff for conference with legal counsel-existing litigation pursuant to Paragraph (1) of Subdivision (D) of Government Code Section 54956.9. Name of Case: City of Saratoga; City of Cupertino; Town of Los Gatos V. California Department of Transportation, Et Al. (Paul absent)

Special City Council Meeting

Present: Mayor Barry Chang, Vice Mayor Savita Vaidhyanathan, and Council members Rod Sinks and Gilbert Wong.

Absent: None

Conducted Aircraft Noise Study Session and gave direction to Staff to identify a Staff Liaison and to write a letter to the Federal Aviation Administration. The Mayor will work with the City Manager and Council Member Paul to represent Council in the letter.

Regular City Council Meeting

Present: Mayor Barry Chang, Vice Mayor Savita Vaidhyanathan, and Council members Rod Sinks and Gilbert Wong.

Absent: None

Conducted a Study Session on Wireless Facilities within the Public Right of Way and provided direction on the proposed use of public street light poles to mount small cellular facilities

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Received Presentation of Teen Commission FY 16-17 Work Plan

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Approved the November 15 City Council minutes

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Adopted Resolution No. 16-129 accept-

ing October 7, 2016

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Adopted Resolution No. 16-130 accepting Accounts Payable for the period ending October 14, 2016

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Continued discussion of Item to December 20 regarding resignation of Teen Commissioner Rishit Gundu

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Established Friendship City relationships with Luoyang, People's Republic of China; Qingdao, People's Republic of China; Shanghai, People's Republic of China; Shenzhen, People's Republic of China; Suzhou, People's Republic of China; Wuhan, People's Republic of China; Yilan, Taiwan, Republic of China; and Zhaoqing, People's Republic of China; and Guro, Seoul, South Korea

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Authorized the City Manager to sign the Subordination Agreement with River City Bank and Joint Powers Authority Members of the Silicon Valley Clean Energy Authority

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Approved the budget allocations necessary to execute the approved contracts in order to complete work at Apple Campus 2 through the end of Fiscal Year 2017 (Sinks recusing)

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Recommended approval to the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control of the Application for Alcohol Beverage License for Amami Shima Sushi Corp, 19068 Stevens Creek Boulevard

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Conducted the second reading and enacted Ordinance No. 16-2157, "An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Cupertino amending the Cupertino Municipal Code, Title 19, Zoning, Section 19.08.030, entitled "Definitions" to add the definition of "Financial Institutions" and "Banks" to expressly exclude payday lending and check cashing businesses with the intent to disallow such uses from operating within the City of Cupertino"

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Conducted the second reading and enacted Ordinance No. 16-2158: "an ordinance of the city council of the city of Cupertino to amend Chapter 8.07, beekeeping, and Table 19.20.020 of Chapter 19.20, permitted, conditional, and excluded uses in agricultural and residential

council actions continued...

zones, regarding the regulation, location, and the keeping of bees in the city and to make other conforming changes to Table 19.20.020 for clarification and internal consistency"

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Conducted the second reading and enacted Ordinance No. 16-2159 "an ordinance of the city council of the city of Cupertino amending title 19, zoning, of the Cupertino municipal code including but not limited to Chapter 19.08 (definitions), Chapter 19.20 (permitted, conditional and excluded uses in agricultural and residential zones), Chapter 19.24 (agricultural (a) and agricultural - residential (a-1) zones), Chapter 19.32 (residential duplex (r-2) zones), Chapter 19.52 (reasonable accommodation), and Chapter 19.112 (second dwelling units in r-1, rhs, a and a-1 zones), in response to recently adopted state legislation regarding accessory dwelling units for compliance with state law, and for internal consistency"

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Adopted resolution no. 16-101 regarding the appeal of Ms. Kimberly Sandstrom and affirming the recommendation of the housing commission regarding the eligibility of Ms. Sandstrom to purchase a BMR unit

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Adopted Resolution No. 16-131 approving an amended Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Fee Schedule, effective February 6, 2017 (Chang and Sinks voting no)

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Directed Silicon Valley clean energy (SVCE) to upgrade the city's electricity accounts to GreenPrime service, upon service launch in April 2017

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Approved the request from the Taipei friendship city committee for the city to sponsor a Smart City Conference in 2017 with no financial support from the City of Cupertino with the exception of social media, logo and nominal staff. The committee would be required to come back to council for any additional support

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Directed staff to add agenda item to December 20 meeting for discussion of a video contest for friendship cities and sister cities

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Council members highlighted the activities of their committees and various community events

City Council Meeting Thursday, December 20, 2016

Closed Session City Council Meeting

Present: Mayor Barry Chang, Vice Mayor Savita Vaidhyanathan, and Council members Darcy Paul, Rod Sinks and Gilbert Wong.

Absent: Vice Mayor Darcy Paul.

Gave direction to staff for conference with legal counsel - anticipated litigation: significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of gov't code section 54956.9 - two cases (*Paul absent*)

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Gave direction to staff for conference with Real Property negotiators (gov't code section 54956.8); property: Cupertino municipal water system; agency negotiator: Timm Borden; negotiating parties: city of Cupertino and San Jose water company; under negotiation: terms for city leased asset (***Paul absent***)

Regular City Council Meeting

Present: Mayor Barry Chang, Vice Mayor Savita Vaidhyanathan, and Council members Darcy Paul, Rod Sinks and Gilbert Wong.

Absent: Vice Mayor Darcy Paul.

Approved the December 6 city council minutes (*Paul absent*)

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Approved the December 8 city council minutes (*Paul absent*)

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Adopted Resolution No. 16-133 accepting accounts payable for the period ending October 21, 2016 (*Paul absent*)

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Adopted Resolution No. 16-134 accepting accounts payable for the period ending October 28, 2016 (*Paul absent*)

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Adopted Resolution No. 16-135 accepting accounts payable for the period ending November 4, 2016 (*Paul absent*)

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Cancelled the January 17 regular City Council meeting and called a special City Council meeting for January 24 (*Paul absent*)

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1.) Moved hearing date for objections to proposed removal of a public nuisance

(weeds) to February 7; and 2.) Adopted Resolution No. 16-136 rescinding Resolution No. 16-125 and adopting an amended resolution declaring weeds on certain described property to be a public nuisance to move the hearing for objections to proposed removal to February 7 (*Paul absent*)

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Accepted resignation of teen commissioner Rishit Gundu and directed staff to fill the unscheduled vacancy with the annual teen commission recruitment in May 2017 (*Paul absent*)

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1. Adopted Resolution No. 16-137 rescinding Resolution No. 10-048 and revising the commission recruitment process for all commissions other than the teen commission to add designated alternates at the time of initial appointment of regular members; and 2.) Adopted Resolution No. 16-138 rescinding Resolution No. 09-115 and revising the commission recruitment process for the teen commission to add designated alternates at the time of initial appointment of regular members (*Paul absent*)

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Authorized an increase in the construction contingency amount by an additional \$8,000 with funds from the current appropriated project budget of \$827,000 (*Paul absent*)

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Discussed video contest for friendship and sister cities and approved using the city's name for Chang to send an invitation to the friendship and sister cities to ask students to participate in making a 15 minute video about their city; and subject to Chang providing a proposal to council members in writing noting the contest rules and no request for funding; and council has discretion to change its mind and not support the contest after seeing the proposal (*Sinks voting no and Paul absent*)

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Council members highlighted the activities of their committees and various community events (*Paul absent*)

To view videos of past
City Council meetings, visit
[https://cupertino.legistar.com/
Calendar.aspx](https://cupertino.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx)



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THE SCENE ANSWERS

Have questions for staff? Send them to scene@cupertino.org or call (408) 777-3212.

Question: Do I need a permit to take out my tree?



Answer: The City of Cupertino and its residents value the aesthetic, environmental, and economic value of public and privately owned trees. However, at times property owners may wish to remove trees on their property for various safety, maintenance, and structural issues.

The Planning Division of the Community Development Department has a permit process for property owners to follow if they wish to remove a protected tree on their property. Cupertino Municipal Code Section 14.18 provides details on definitions and requirements.

It is important to first determine if the tree is a City street tree or a privately owned tree. If the tree has a small green tag attached to its trunk, then it is likely a City street tree. Please contact the Public Works Department to verify whether it is a street or private tree and with respect to trimming, maintenance, and/or removal of street trees.

If the tree in question is not a City street tree, the property owner will need to determine if it is a Protected Tree per Section 14.18. Generally, the following trees are protected and a Tree Removal Permit is required if the owner wishes to remove them: 1) Mature Specimen Trees, 2) Approved Development Trees, 3) Approved Privacy Protection Plantings in Single Family Residential (R1) Zones, and 4) Heritage Trees.

If your tree is any of those listed above, then you are required to get a Tree Removal Permit from the Planning Division. The Tree Removal Permit process requires the submission of fees, application form, justification statement, and depending on the type and size of tree, may require an arborist report, onsite posting notice, and neighbor mailings. Replacement trees are required to be planted in conjunction with approval of a Tree Removal Permit.

Contact the Planning Division for further detail regarding the permit process at (408) 777-3308.

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