



CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

A Message from the City Manager

Hello Neighbors,

As autumn settles in, Cupertino enters into a season of reflection and community. We take a moment to honor the recently passed former Mayor Hung Wei and her lasting contributions to our community. This summer, we also celebrated service awards for our employees and bolstered the City's disaster preparedness through completion of CERT trainings by councilmembers, commissioners, and staff. Council meetings resumed last week, and we are moving forward on priorities including infrastructure upgrades, transportation safety, and community programs.

This year marks Cupertino's 70th anniversary of incorporation. The Cupertino Community Service Awards in October will celebrate the individuals whose dedication strengthens our city. I encourage you to participate and join us at upcoming celebrations such as the "My Cupertino" Art Showcase and Restaurant Week. These events highlight the history, spirit, and creativity that define our community and bring us together in meaningful ways.

Thank you for staying connected and engaged.



Warm Regards,

Tina Kapoor

Interim City Manager

CUPERTINO IN THE KNOW

Updates and Announcements



CERT Academy in Cupertino

The time is now! Sign up for Santa Clara County Fire Department's CERT Academy this October in Cupertino to get trained in disaster preparedness skills, including basic medical operations, fire suppression, search and rescue, and more.

Classes run on Tuesdays in-person and Thursdays online October 7 to 23 from 6 to 9 p.m. with graduation on Saturday, October 25 at the Monta Vista Recreation Center.

The course fee is \$35, which covers personal protective equipment. Participants must attend all sessions to earn a certificate. Learn more and register at [Eventbrite](#).

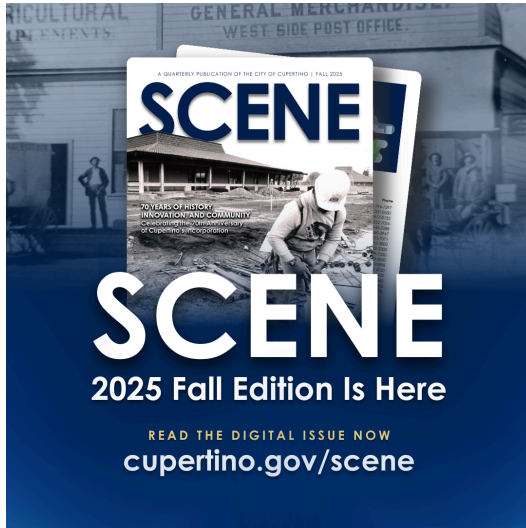


Your Art. Your Cupertino.

The City of Cupertino is celebrating the 70th anniversary of its incorporation as Santa Clara County's 13th city. To mark the occasion, community members of all ages are invited to showcase their creativity in the "My Cupertino" Art Wall, which will be displayed at the second annual Cupertino Community Service Awards on Wednesday, October 29, at the Quinlan Community Center.

Artists are encouraged to share what Cupertino means to them—whether it's a favorite place, community tradition, local nature, or the City's spirit of innovation and diversity.

Apply online at [cupertino.gov/crest](#) and drop off your artwork at Cupertino City Hall, 10300 Torre Ave, Cupertino, CA 95014. The deadline is Friday, October 3.



The SCENE Fall Edition is Here!

The first-ever issue of Cupertino Scene to be fully designed in-house by staff is out now! This edition highlights Cupertino's 70 years of history, resources for Emergency Preparedness Month, and an overview of the Fiscal Years 2025-26 budget.

Enjoy the full issue at cupertino.gov/scene. Limited print copies are available at City Hall and other facilities.



Celebrate 70 Years of Cupertino: Restaurant Week Sign-Ups Are Open!

In celebration of Cupertino's 70th anniversary, the City is excited to launch its first-ever Restaurant Week, taking place from October 6 through October 12. During this event, participating restaurants will offer exclusive promotions and specials to highlight the vibrant culinary scene in Cupertino. Encourage your favorite restaurant to sign up and showcase their best dishes as part of this exciting celebration.

Restaurant sign-ups close on Friday, September 12. For more information, visit cupertino.gov/taste70.



Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition Names Lawson Bikeway “Project of the Year”

The Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition recently named the new Lawson Bikeway its **Project of the Year** at the 15th Annual Silicon Valley Bike Summit. This prestigious recognition reflects years of thoughtful planning, community engagement, and strong collaboration between the Bicycle Pedestrian Commission, Walk-Bike Cupertino, Cupertino Union School District, Lawson Middle School staff, Lawson Parent Teacher Organization, and other local organizations. To help educate the community and promote safety, City staff produced an informational video titled Lawson Middle School Bikeway, available on YouTube. Widely viewed and well-received, the video played a key role in the project, earning this top honor: [Lawson Middle School Bikeway - YouTube](#).



FY 2025-26 Budget Published

The City of Cupertino has adopted its Fiscal Year 2025 - 26 budget, marking a significant milestone achieved through careful planning, fiscal discipline, and strong community collaboration. The City's fiscal priorities are guided by the recently adopted Council Goals and Strategic Vision. Key accomplishments over the past year include the opening of an all-inclusive playground, enhancements to public safety, and the certification of the Housing Element. Looking ahead, the City is focused on restoring essential services, protecting infrastructure, and investing in long-term community resilience and growth. For more information, visit cupertino.gov/budgetreport.



Cupertino Citywide Garage Sale

September 20 & 21 | 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



REGISTRATION:
August 18 to September 12

Register to be added onto our interactive online map and paper list. We advertise, you sell, you keep the profits!



cupertino.gov/garagesale

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Sell and Shop Used Items at the Citywide Garage Sale

Over 200 residents across the City host garage sales every year at their homes to earn money and help reduce waste to landfill. It's FREE to participate as a seller or a buyer!

Sign up by Friday, September 12 to get your garage sale on our online map and paper list. Listings can be edited until September 20.

We advertise the sale. You sell your items. You keep the profit! Register at cupertino.gov/garagesale.



2025 Artist Awards

Every year, the Cupertino Arts and Culture Commission chooses a Distinguished Artist, Emerging Artist, and Young Artist to recognize. These awards are presented to deserving artists in recognition of local talent in visual, verbal, and performing arts while preserving and advancing the arts for the benefit of the citizens of Cupertino.

Winners receive public recognition and a cash reward. Apply at cupertino.gov/artawards.



September - Pedestrian Safety Month

With schools back in session and more people walking, biking, and scootering, it's important to remember we all share the road.

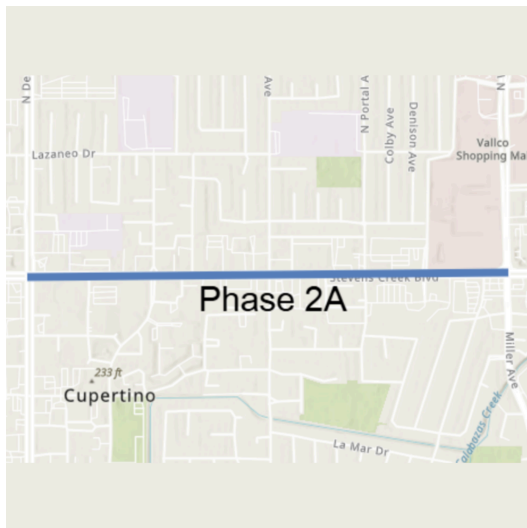
Pedestrian tips:

- Wear bright clothes or carry a flashlight at night.
- Stay off your phone and stay alert.
- Use crosswalks, follow signals, and make eye contact with drivers before crossing.

Driver tips:

- Watch for pedestrians, especially at night or in bad weather.
- Obey speed limits and avoid distractions.
- Yield to pedestrians at crosswalks and intersections.

Let's keep Cupertino's streets safe for everyone! For more about Pedestrian Safety Month, visit gosafelyca.org/share-the-road.



Stevens Creek Blvd Class IV Bike Lane Phase 2A Project

Construction begins on Phase 2A of the Stevens Creek Boulevard Bike Lane Project! Work starts on Monday, September 15, and is expected to wrap up by the end of the year. Expect some traffic delays in the area during construction.

This project will upgrade the stretch of Stevens Creek Boulevard between Wolfe Road and De Anza Boulevard, turning the current buffered bike lanes into protected bike lanes with concrete barriers separating bikes from cars. New bike signals will also be added at the Wolfe Road and De Anza Boulevard intersection. The eastbound bus stop near De Anza Boulevard will also get a makeover with a boarding island and dedicated bike lane space.

For questions, contact Jason Wong at (408) 777-3215 or JasonW@cupertino.gov.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Upcoming Events



Cupertino Bike Fest

Join us on Saturday, September 27 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for Cupertino's annual Fall Bike Fest to celebrate all things bike! There will be bike repair and education, and tons of fun activities including bike and helmet checks, bike decorating, bike blender smoothies, bike-themed art, and a "Safe Moves City" mini bicycle safety course for kids. Learn more at cupertino.gov/bikefest.



Silicon Valley Fall Festival

The Silicon Valley Fall Festival will take place on Saturday, September 13 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Memorial Park. This year's event will feature youth activities including a Robotics Competition and numerous Scout booths. The City will also host more than 10 booths as part of the Health and Safety Fair. For more details, visit the event organizer's page at sv-ff.com.



Cupertino Cybersecurity Public Awareness Event

The City will host a cybersecurity panel on Thursday, October 9 from 6 to 8 p.m., where experts will share information and strategies to help community members stay safe online. The event features an Q&A session, and due to the importance of this topic, the presentation will be recorded and posted on the City's website. Learn more and register at cupertino.gov/cybersecurityevent.

RESIDENT RECAP

Community Highlights



Mayor's Monthly Chat

Mayor Chao hosted her Monthly Chat at Rancho Rinconada on Monday, September 8. These informal gatherings provide residents with an opportunity to share local concerns, ask questions, and receive updates on City planning and governance. Stay tuned for future Monthly Chats with the Mayor at cupertino.gov/mayorchat.



The Big Apple Launch Event

On Tuesday, Mayor Chao and I were invited by Apple to attend their launch event at Apple Park here in Cupertino. The event showcased the latest innovations, including the highly anticipated iPhone 17 lineup and new Apple Watch models. Impressively, over 27.3 million people tuned in to the event, highlighting its global interest. It was inspiring to see firsthand how Cupertino remains at the forefront of technology and innovation, and we are excited to continue fostering this spirit of innovation.



Community Coffee with Assemblymember Patrick Ahrens and Mayor Liang Chao

Community members gathered for a morning coffee event this past Saturday with Assemblymember Ahrens and Mayor Liang Chao to discuss local and state issues. The National Alliance on Mental Illness and the Cupertino Educational Endowment Foundation also joined the event to provide valuable resources to attendees. Thank you to everyone who participated in this engaging community conversation.



Pooch Plunge

A big thank you to the more than 180 dogs and their loyal humans who joined Cupertino Parks and Recreation for Pooch Plunge on Saturday, September 6, at Blackberry Farm.

From belly flops to doggy paddles, our four-legged friends had a paws-itively great time cooling off and playing in the water. We're so fur-tunate to have such a pawsome community here in Cupertino!



Cupertino Seniors Cheer on the 49ers

The Cupertino Senior Center had a fantastic outing to Levi's Stadium on Sunday, August 23 to cheer on the San Francisco 49ers in their pre-season matchup against the Los Angeles Chargers. From enjoying great food to exploring the team store and soaking in the energy of the game, members had a memorable experience.

RESOURCE CORNER

Community Resources

City Manager Reports Posted Online

All City Manager Reports are posted with the Council agenda and can be found online at cupertino.gov/citycouncil.

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