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Earthbound Chronicles:
Cupertino's Sustainable
Efforts for Today and Beyond



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PLUS: HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT UPDATES | CELEBRATE AT THE ANNUAL EARTH AND ARBOR DAY FESTIVAL | MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

A Message from the City Manager



I am delighted to extend a warm welcome to you all as we embark on another quarter filled with progress, opportunities, and community engagement.

As your City Manager, it is my privilege to lead our dedicated team in serving and enhancing our vibrant city. Each quarter, we look forward to sharing updates, highlights, and important information through the Scene newsletter to keep you informed and connected with the latest developments in our community.

From infrastructure projects and upcoming events to initiatives aimed at improving quality of life, our newsletter serves as a window into the heartbeat of our city.

This edition focuses on our Earthbound Chronicles—more specifically, Cupertino's environmental conservation and sustainability efforts for today and beyond, starting with the beloved Earth and Arbor Day Festival. We hope you will attend this family-friendly event and explore ways to give back to the community while championing sustainability.

You will also find updates on Cupertino's housing and urban developments, such as the Rise, Westport Senior Apartments, and streamlined two-story permitting process. We are also excited to unveil an emergency awareness dashboard, that brings information, from weather-related to public safety response times, at your fingertips.

I encourage you to explore these pages, stay informed, and get involved.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership as we work together to build a stronger and more resilient Cupertino.

Pamela Wu
City Manager

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Questions or comments about *The Scene*? Contact staff at communication@cupertino.gov.

We Love Hearing From Our Readers

“We just finished reading the last magazine edition and wanted to express our gratitude. We absolutely love your newsletter, and while it is sad that the frequency has gone down due to budget cuts, we still look forward to finding the magazine in our mailbox whenever it does come. We recently moved to Cupertino after spending our 20s moving around the country. Regularly traveling for work and personal reasons make it difficult to feel at home; however with this move and your newsletter, it becomes easy to remember our community and yearn for it when we are gone. This magazine keeps us tethered to our local neighborhood and makes us want to engage in it, through every event, class, and offering. We



have learned so much whether it's about what is available locally or just a random fun fact that sparks our interest. Thanks again for putting so much effort into the magazine - you can feel the love and as such, it makes our love for Cupertino grow as well.”

- Ana & Sam

“Hello Cupertino Communication,

I am a proud resident of Cupertino and I love to receive the Scene magazine and read what's happening in Cupertino.

I just wanted to provide some feedback. I really like the section where it shows the new businesses which opened. I think that is a great summary and is helpful to help me pick new places to try.

Keep up the good work!!!”

- Peter D.

“I really appreciate the information you provide to residents to keep us aware of what is happening in our community. I am a very senior citizen, and I love hearing about things in which I might be able to participate.”

- Kathy K.

Send us your feedback at [“communication@cupertino.gov”](mailto:communication@cupertino.gov)

Connect with Us

Get involved and stay connected with the community. Cupertino offers various avenues to keep up-to-date on developments, programs, safety, events and more.



Cupertino 311, an app available for download in Google Play and the App Store, provides residents with improved access to report issues such as graffiti, potholes, and illegal dumping to the City to address and other helpful City information. Learn more or submit a service request at cupertino.gov/311.



Stay engaged by following us @CityofCupertino on Facebook, X (Twitter), and Instagram for updates, events, and community highlights.



Be sure to visit the City's website, cupertino.gov, for comprehensive information, resources and more.



Subscribe to GovDelivery for timely and crucial announcements to keep informed about the latest news, projects, and programs that shape our community at cupertino.gov/enotification.

Take advantage of the opportunities to stay connected with what's happening in Cupertino!

MOBILITY OPTIONS

Sustainable Transportation with the SV Hopper Program



In the effort to move towards sustainable transportation, the SV Hopper microtransit shuttle program is revolutionizing urban mobility. With a fleet composed entirely of all-electric vehicles, this program is not just a ride service, but a symbol of environmental stewardship.

The SV Hopper initiative promotes Cupertino's commitment to reducing carbon emissions and combating climate change. By replacing gas-powered vehicles with zero-emission electric shuttles, the program makes significant strides in cutting down on urban air pollution. This shift holds particular importance in cities, where vehicle emissions contribute heavily to the formation of smog and poor air quality. Through the SV Hopper program, Cupertino not only reduces its carbon footprint, but also serves as an effective tool to help the City achieve its ambitious Climate Action Plan goals.

Beyond its environmental benefits, the SV Hopper program is designed to enhance community access to essential services. It connects riders to major transit centers, making public transportation more accessible and convenient. With reliable service to Mountain View, Sunnyvale, and Santa Clara Caltrain stations, SV Hopper is a realistic door to door solution for individuals seeking alternative transportation options.

The program emphasizes shared rides, which foster a sense of community and encourages alternative transportation use. It reduces traffic congestion and promotes a more active, engaged, and environmentally conscious lifestyle among citizens.

As cities worldwide grapple with the challenges of implementing sustainable transportation, SV Hopper stands as an example of what can be achieved through innovation and community-focused planning.

On Tuesday, February 13, Silicon Valley (SV) Hopper service surpassed 100,000 total completed trips. This increased ridership in January is primarily attributed to its consistent popularity among City of Cupertino users, strong ridership to Caltrain stations, and the service expansion to the City of Santa Clara, which began in November 2023.



For more information on SV Hopper, scan the QR code or visit cupertino.gov/shuttle.

Vision Zero Action Plan Update



The City of Cupertino is developing a Vision Zero Action Plan to reduce the number of traffic-related fatalities and serious injuries to zero. A community meeting was held Tuesday, January 23 and the draft plan was presented to the Bicycle Pedestrian Commission Wednesday, March 20. The Plan is anticipated to be presented to the City Council for adoption in April. As a community member, we seek your input to help make Cupertino streets safer. For more information about future community meetings, visit the project website: cupertino.gov/visionzero.

Clean Energy Funding

New Electric Vehicle Assistance Program Available to Multifamily and Commercial Properties

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) offers the Multifamily and Small Business Electric Vehicle (EV) Charger program, which installs EV chargers at eligible properties at no cost within the utility's territory. This innovative program aims to install 2,000 EV chargers across the PG&E service area, promoting equity in EV adoption. Ecology Action, PG&E's third-party Program implementer, will install the EV chargers at no cost on your qualified property located in a priority community. Properties outside the priority community are asked to pay a cost-share after PG&E's up to \$6,000 per EV charger contribution.



Scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/43rKaU9 to learn more and apply on the Multifamily and Small Business Electric Vehicle (EV) Charger Program website.

Reduce Energy with the DIY Toolkit

A new sweepstakes item (valued at up to \$230) is available when you check out a DIY Home Energy Savings Toolkit from your local library. This Toolkit serves as a free resource for renters and homeowners to optimize your energy savings. In February, SVCE introduced new premium energy-saving devices, such as smart power strips and smart LED light bulbs, to include in the Toolkits. As part of the sweepstakes, customers have the chance to win a big-ticket item like a smart electric tower fan or a portable induction cooktop. To enter, customers must post a photo of an energy-saving tool and tag @svcleanenergy on Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram, or X. Learn more at svcleanenergy.org/diy-toolkits.

Safe Routes to School Recruiting High Schoolers!

The way we choose to travel to school impacts our physical and mental health, the safety of everyone on the roads, and even our environment. Apply to represent your high school on the Safe Routes to School Working Group and help make Cupertino healthier, safer, and more fun!

Apply by Sunday, April 21 at cupertino.gov/saferoutes/hsrep.

If you have any questions, contact Safe Routes at saferoutes@cupertino.gov or (408) 777-7609.



Student Representatives Needed for 2024-25 School Year

Apply by Sunday, April 21

Learn more at bit.ly/43nOOT0



Introducing E-Fleet

The City of Cupertino recently purchased two 2023 base model Ford F-150 Lightning electric trucks. These purchases were made in alignment with recent State of California mandates that require 50% of all fleet purchases be zero-emission vehicles starting 2024. The State further requires that 100% of vehicle purchases be zero-emissions vehicles starting in 2027. The Ford F-150's have a range of 240 miles on a single charge and can perform the same work as other gas-powered vehicles. The Public Works Department, in collaboration with Silicon Valley Clean Energy (SVCE), is preparing plans to expand the electric vehicle charging infrastructure at the City of Cupertino Service Center. SVCE is preparing these plans for the City free of charge.



Scan the QR code for more information on the state's mandate or visit ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/advanced-clean-fleets.



CELEBRATE AT THE EARTH AND ARBOR DAY FESTIVAL

Celebrate our planet at Cupertino's Earth and Arbor Day Festival on Saturday, April 20 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Cupertino Library Park Field, 10400 Torre Avenue.

Earth Day is an international holiday that honors the achievements of the environmental movement and highlights the importance of preserving Earth's natural resources for future generations.

At Cupertino's Earth and Arbor Day Festival, we celebrate our planet and trees by joining as a community to provide resources, activities, and conversation to inspire all to take action.

This Festival will feature over 100 booths hosted by local nonprofits and businesses, hands-on activities, live entertainment on a solar-powered stage, and food trucks serving delicious food and beverages in reusable containers.

Our community remains committed to protecting our planet from climate change and maintaining the health of our people, animals, and natural environment.

For more information about the festival, visit cupertino.gov/earthday. The event will happen rain or shine.

Environmental Recycling Day

Do you have unwanted stuff? Environmental Recycling Day and On-Call Collection are Available!

On Saturday, April 20 from 8 a.m. to noon, the City will be hosting its Paper Shredding and Environmental Recycling Day at De Anza College parking lot A, 21250 Stevens Creek Boulevard. This event offers residents a free drive-through, drop-off service to encourage the extended use of products and to prevent valuable resources from being sent to the landfill.

View acceptable items at cupertino.gov/environmentalday.

**Got a bulky item that is not fit to donate?
Use the On-Call Pick-up program!**

Cupertino residents are eligible for two on-call collections per year at no additional cost. Get your damaged or unwanted items picked up at the curb. Call Recology to schedule your pick-up at (408) 725-4020.



Pick Up Free Compost for Your Garden



The City of Cupertino offers free bulk compost to all Cupertino residents at two different sites: Stevens Creek Quarry and Sunnyvale's SMaRT station.

1. The compost site at Stevens Creek Quarry will be open (weather permitting), each Friday and Saturday between 8 a.m. and noon between Friday, March 29 through Saturday, October 26. To check the status call (408) 777-1320.
2. The SMaRT Station in Sunnyvale offers compost and mulch for Cupertino residents to pick up. Compost is available during the SMaRT Station's normal hours of operation, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days per week.

Cupertino residents must show proof of residency and provide their own shovels and containers. No appointment is needed.

Learn more at cupertino.gov/compost.

Creek Cleanup Day

Did you know our local creeks lead into the San Francisco Bay? It's essential to prioritize pollution prevention to ensure the cleanliness and the health of our water systems. Pollution prevention remains important year-round; however, it is especially important during the rainy season when stormwater can pick up debris, chemicals, and other pollutants that flows into local waterways harming fish and other wildlife. Help keep our creeks and Bay safe and clean by participating in a creek cleanup. Whether you host your own cleanup or join in events like National River Cleanup Day on Thursday, May 18, you'll contribute to protecting our rivers. Stay current with upcoming cleanup events and sign up to be notified when National River Cleanup Day registration opens, at cleanacreek.org.

HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT

Housing Element Update

Submit your feedback and help shape the future of housing in Cupertino. The City of Cupertino submitted a Third Draft of the 2023-2031 Draft Housing Element in February 2024. The revised Third Draft Housing Element is now available for review on the City's website. The California Department of Housing and Community Development's (HCD) 45-day review period ends on April 12, 2024.

For more information scan the QR code or visit engagecupertino.org/public-documents.



Streamlined process for ADUs and Two-Story Permits

To improve efficiency and customer service, the City has streamlined the processes for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) and two-story permits.

ADUs are small, secondary units built on the same property as a larger, main home. ADUs are an affordable type of home to construct in California because they do not require paying for land, major new infrastructure, structured parking, elevators, and even impact fees, in some cases. In Cupertino, you can have up to three ADUs on single-family property and up to two ADUs on duplex property. You can find more information about ADUs on the City's website, including FAQs and a step-by-step guide to the permitting process.

Earlier this year, the City Council also approved an ordinance, eliminating the discretionary two-story permit review process. Removing this process streamlines the residential permitting process, saving residents time and money to upgrade their homes. All applications for new two-story residences or additions to existing single-family residences will remain subject to the approval of a building permit, which will be reviewed by Planning staff for compliance with codified development standards, such as building setbacks, floor area limitations, and height.

The Rise

The City has approved the second modification to The Rise development pursuant to streamlined, ministerial processes allowed under state law for projects that include a specified percentage of affordable housing units. Formerly the Vallco Town Center Development, the Rise is a mixed-use housing development with 2,669 units, of which 890 units are affordable to lower income households. The modified project also includes 47 townhomes. The project also includes approximately 1.95 million square foot of office space, 226,000 square foot of retail space, and at-grade open space areas. The approval documents and approved plans are available online at cupertino.gov/vallcosb35.



For more information scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/4cjO05L.



Westport Senior Apartments

Westport Senior Apartments is another new development occurring in Cupertino. Consisting of 48 new construction units, these apartments provide affordable rental housing opportunities for seniors aged 62 years or older. With a convenient location on Stevens Creek Boulevard surrounded by shopping, educational, and recreational resources, Westport has great amenities including a community room with a kitchenette, laundry facilities, bicycle storage, security features, and more.



For more information scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/3vmdWNB.



Wow! Tea

A family-owned business, WOW! Tea serves bubble tea made with high-quality tea leaves, organic milk, and various toppings, whether you are looking for a classic milk tea or something more adventurous. Cupertino is WOW! Tea's first location in the US.

Cupertino Business Outreach Program

Cupertino's thriving business community is vital to the city's economic success. The City's Cupertino Business Outreach Program (CBOP) is an important resource for local businesses. The program establishes a dialogue with local businesses, understands their unique needs, and connects them with resources that can help. By visiting businesses in person or virtually, our team can gain valuable insights and identify areas where we can improve our support. If you're interested in scheduling a visit with the Economic Development Team, email Econdev@Cupertino.org.



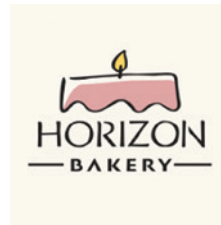
For more information scan the QR code or visit cupertino.gov/cbop.



Check out new businesses and explore our city by scanning the QR code or visiting cupertino.org/businessmap.

Local Business Updates

WE ARE PLEASED TO WELCOME THESE NEW BUSINESSES TO CUPERTINO:



Emergency Awareness Dashboard

Stay up-to-date with the Emergency Awareness Dashboard - a one-stop source of information designed for monitoring real and potential hazards impacting Cupertino.



Learn more at [Cupertino.gov/emergencydashboard](https://cupertino.gov/emergencydashboard).



Engage with the City Budget

During April, City staff will host "Budget Team Time," a series of budget outreach events to educate the community on budget-related topics through Community Engagement Booths, Focus Groups, and a Community Budget Meeting #2. These events are your opportunity to get engaged with the City's budget. Your input is invaluable in guiding these decisions, and we encourage you to join us and share your thoughts on what matters most to you and your community.

For more information, visit cupertino.gov/communitybudgetevents.



Special Event! Induction Cooking with Chef Yan

Turns out, YAN CAN COOK! Join us for a sizzling event with celebrity chef Martin Yan at "Induction Cooking Live Experience". Hosted by the City of Cupertino and the County of Santa Clara, this event is your ticket to mastering the art of induction cooking. Dive into the culinary genius of Chef Yan as he whips up a mouth-watering dish from his latest cookbook, "Best of Yan Can Cook." This live cooking showcase, set for **Tuesday, April 23, from 6 to 8 p.m.** at the **Quinlan Community Center**, promises to enlighten you on the benefits of electric induction cooking, a safer, healthier, and unmatched cooking experience compared to traditional natural gas.

Attendees will sample Chef Yan's exquisite dishes and discover valuable resources and rebates to make the switch to induction cooking a breeze. Plus, don't miss your chance to be entered into a drawing to win your very own induction cooktop unit! For details and to secure your spot at, visit sccinductioncupertino.eventbrite.com.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<hack> Cupertino

April 13 to 14

Quinlan Community Center

Organized by Cupertino's Youth Activity Board and the Cupertino Parks and Recreation Department, <hack> Cupertino is a 13-hour overnight hackathon designed to solve a (secret) problem presented during the Opening Ceremony.

For more information, visit cupertino.gov/hackcupertino.

Baer Blacksmith Shop

Saturday, April 27

11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

McClellan Ranch Preserve

Learn about early Cupertino history and the craft of blacksmithing at the restored Baer Blacksmith Shop.

Environmental Education Center

Saturdays

11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

McClellan Ranch Preserve

Visit the City's animal ambassadors and engage with preserve staff at the Environmental Education Center.

Summer Concert Series

Thursdays, June 6 to August 8

6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Memorial Park Amphitheater

View the 2024 Summer Concert Series lineup at cupertino.gov/summerconcert.

Cupertino Campout

July 20 to 21

Creekside Park

Pitch a tent and enjoy a night under the stars with friends and family. No camping experience is necessary. Visit cupertino.gov/campout for more information.

4th of July Celebration

Pancake Breakfast

7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Quinlan Community Center

Flag Raising and Children's Parade

10 a.m.

Memorial Park

Children's Parade will begin concluding Flag Raising.

Concert

10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Memorial Park Amphitheater

Featuring the music of 'Phil n the Blanks' Band.

For additional information, visit cupertino.gov/4thofjuly.

Cupertino Summer Camps

As summer draws near, our camps are gearing to kick off on Monday, June 17 and will continue through Friday, August 9.

To view the City's summer camp schedule, visit cupertino.gov/camps.

50+ ACTIVITIES



Live Well Age Well Health Expo

Friday, May 10

10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Cupertino Senior Center

Discover the resources tailored for individuals ages 50 and older needed to live a positive and healthy life at our expo event! Explore booths and educational sessions to learn about our community and its health resources. Activity demonstrations will be offered for the opportunity to get active and learn new exercises. Plus, the first 50 attendees will receive a free lunch. For those interested, boxed lunches will be available for purchase while supplies last.



Spring 50+ Scene

See what socials, events, and classes the Cupertino Senior Center has planned by visiting cupertino.gov/senior and flipping through the April to May 50+ Scene.



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Business License.....	(408) 777-3221 BL@Cupertino.gov
City Clerk.....	(408) 777-3223 CityClerk@Cupertino.gov
City Manager	(408) 777-3212 Manager@Cupertino.gov
Code Enforcement.....	(408) 777-3182 Code@Cupertino.gov
Planning Department	(408) 777-3308 Planning@Cupertino.gov
Recreation	(408) 777-3120 Recreation@Cupertino.gov
Senior Center.....	(408) 777-3150 Senior_Center@Cupertino.gov
Sports Center.....	(408) 777-3160 Recreation@Cupertino.gov
Street Light Maint.	(408) 777-3342 maintenance@Cupertino.gov
Street Sweeping	(408) 777-3269 maintenance@Cupertino.gov
Tree Maint.	(408) 777-3410 maintenance@Cupertino.gov

Other Agencies

Organization	Phone Number
Animal Control	(408) 794-7297
AT&T	(800) 331-0500
California Water Service.....	(650) 917-0152
Chamber of Commerce	(408) 252-7054
Comcast	(800) 945-2288
Cupertino Library.....	(408) 540-3947
Cupertino Sanitary District.....	(408) 253-7071
Cupertino Union School District	(408) 252-3000
Fremont Union High School District	(408) 522-2200
Hazardous Waste Drop-off	(408) 299-7300
PG&E.....	(800) 743-5000
Project Sentinel (Landlord/Tenant Issues).....	(408) 720-9888
Recology (Garbage & Recycling)	(408) 725-4020
San Jose Water Company	(408) 279-7900
Santa Clara Registrar of Voters.....	(408) 299-6863
VTA (Transportation Authority)	(408) 321-2300
Vector Control, Santa Clara County	(408) 918-4770

First Responders

Emergency Calls..... 911 or (408) 299-3233
 (Police, Fire, Medical)
 Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office

(408) 299-2311
 (Non-Emergency)

Santa Clara County Fire Department..... (408) 378-4010
 (Non-Emergency)



Need to report an issue or have a City-related question?
 Visit: cupertino.gov/cupertino311 or call (408) 777-3200.



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