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CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Good evening,

It is a pleasure to share recent highlights and upcoming events to the community and City Council in my City Manager Report.

Updates and Announcements

CREST Awards Nominations Now Open!

I'm excited to share that nominations are now open for the upcoming Cupertino Community Service Awards: Celebrating 70 Years of Cupertino. This year's event on Wednesday, October 29 will honor CREST Award recipients, recognize our dedicated Commissioners, and celebrate the City's 70th anniversary. The City will begin public promotion of the CREST Awards this week with the nomination period running through early September. Please help us share the nomination form widely cupertino.gov/crest.

Jollyman in the News

The launch of Cupertino's Jollyman Park All-Inclusive Playground received heartfelt attention from major Bay Area media. SFGate, the Mercury News, and San Jose Spotlight highlighted the excitement of this joyous event, spotlighting the City's involvement and reinforcing the significance of Cupertino's step toward universal design. Articles described emotional reactions from parents like Alicia Schober, who had tears of gratitude as families rushed to enjoy the diverse play structures, including adult-sized swings and wheelchair accessible structures. Thank you to Councilmembers, staff, and community members for their efforts on this project.

General Mayor Email

Many City departments use general email addresses to eliminate confusion over name spellings and make it easier for the public to contact the appropriate department. Now there is a new email address for the Mayor: mayor@cupertino.gov. This email address will be added to the Mayor's webpage at cupertino.gov/mayor.

311 Case Management Updates

Staff has implemented key enhancements to Cupertino's 311 service request system based on feedback and in an effort to improve transparency, consistency, and responsiveness. Notable updates in clude accurate status tracking to avoid premature closures, clearer explanations when requests are closed, and personalized responses with staff contact information. Together, these improvements aim to provide a more user-friendly and accountable experience for our community.

Apple Buys Cupertino Office

Apple has purchased a major office campus in Cupertino, for \$166.9 million in an all-cash deal, reinforcing its long-term presence in Cupertino. This campus, known as Cupertino Gateway, includes three buildings totaling about 220,700 square feet and is located near Apple's headquarters on North Tantau Avenue. According to the Mercury News, "the deal shows that Apple is taking steps to strengthen its holdings in Cupertino by owning more buildings that it had been leasing". This article can be found at: Apple buys huge office hub in Cupertino in deal that tops \$160 million

Website Feedback Form

The City of Cupertino welcomes input to help improve the City's website. The Website Feedback Form is available at cupertino.gov/websitefeedback for community members to share suggestions, report issues, or provide comments about their experience. All input received supports ongoing efforts to keep the website clear, user- friendly, and responsive to community needs.

Lawrence Mitty Abatement Completed

On Monday, June 16, the City cleared the encampments at Lawrence Mitty Park resolving significant accumulations of trash, debris, and other hazards that posed health and safety concerns. The City coordinated with West Valley Community Services and the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office to offer support to individuals at the site and remains committed to addressing encampments with compassion while ensuring public safety.

Westport Development Public Art Installation Complete

As part of its commitment to integrate public art within the Westport Development, Taylor Morrison presented a design proposal to the Arts and Culture Commission at its January 22, 2024 meeting. The Commission approved Kaleidoscope Dreams, later named Emergence, created by artists Reed & Madden. This stainless-steel sculpture features a tall figure surrounded by twelve steel, laser-cut butterflies. Installed adjacent to a butterfly garden along Mary Avenue, the piece includes a concrete seating area and low-voltage LED lighting to create an inviting atmosphere day and night. Installation was completed in May 2025, providing a vibrant new public art element for the community to enjoy.

Apple Contribution for I-280/Wolfe Rd.

On Tuesday, June 17, Council secured key funding for Cupertino to move forward with the I-280/Wolfe Road Interchange Improvement Project, an important transportation upgrade for the community. This was made possible by Apple who contributed an additional \$2.6 million in grant funding to the City. Apple's Vice President of Global Real Estate and Facilities, Kristina Raspe shared, "We are proud to call Cupertino home, and to support projects that strengthen this community and make it a great place to live and work." The City issued a press release with further details on this partnership.

Pacific Workplaces Expands in Cupertino

Pacific Workplaces, a provider of coworking and hybrid work solutions, is expanding its location at 10080 N Wolfe Road with an additional 5,280 square feet, bringing its total footprint to over 20,000 square feet. This expansion comes in response to a growing demand for flexible office solutions. Since opening in January 2024, the space has remained at full capacity. The expansion will adjoin the existing facility and add 24 private offices and two meeting rooms to its current offerings, which include 50 private offices, 10 meeting rooms, a coworking area with dedicated and flex desks, gig-speed internet, virtual offices, and community events. To read the press release, please visit: https://pacificworkplaces.com/blog/pacific-workplaces-expands-in-cupertino-ca-as-demand-for-flexible-office-space-grows/.

Sheriff's Office Burglary Response

On June 17, at approximately 2:32 p.m., deputies responded to the 10000 block of Morengo Drive in Cupertino on the report of an in-progress residential burglary. The victim, who was away from the residence, saw a person inside their home through surveillance cameras. Deputy Edwards and Deputy Knopp chased the suspect and after catching him, safely took the suspect into custody. There were no injuries to either the suspect or the deputies involved. The City applauds the Sheriff's Office for their efficient response and commitment to maintaining our community's safety.

Recent Events

International Yoga Day

On Saturday, June 21, Sewa International's Bay Area Chapter hosted Unity in Wellness: International Yoga Day Celebration at Wilson Park. This event promotes physical and mental well-being and aims to bring together yoga enthusiasts, healthcare professionals, and community members for free yoga sessions and basic healthcare services. The Mayor's Booth was present at the event to engage with attendees and support this community wellness initiative.

Cupertino Historical Society Annual Fundraiser at Blackberry Farm

On Friday, June 20, I attended the Cupertino Historical Society and Museum's (CHSM) annual fundraiser, A Day on the Ranch, at Blackberry Farm. This fundraiser supports the CHSM's ongoing efforts to preserve and share Cupertino's rich history. For over 51 years, CHSM has brought local stories into classrooms and community groups to inspire future generations and strengthen our community connections.

Block Leader and CERT Volunteer Engagement Meeting

On Monday, June 23, Mayor Chao, Vice Mayor Moore and I, along with staff, attended the Block Leaders and CERT Volunteer meeting at the Quinlan Community Center Social Room. This session offered an opportunity to reconnect with our dedicated community volunteers and engage in meaningful dialogue on the future direction of the Block Leader and other emergency volunteer programs.

Chamber Science and Technology Speaker Series

On Wednesday, June 25, I, along with Mayor Chao and Councilmembers Mohan and Fruen will be attending the Chamber of Commerce Science and Technology Speaker Series at Community Hall. This was an insightful event featuring Dr. Eugene L. Tu, the Center Director of the NASA Ames Research Center. He gave an overview of NASA Ames and spoke about exploring air and space from Silicon Valley.

Upcoming Events

Induction Cooking Experience

On Wednesday, June 25, Vice Mayor Moore will be attending the induction cooking experience with Chef Grace Zhou and Chef Ron Pei. They plan on a live cooking demonstration to show the benefits of switching to induction cooktops and provide delicious samples. Participants can learn about energy-saving programs and rebates.

Women in Business Symposium Luncheon

On Thursday, June 26, Mayor Chao, Vice Mayor Moore, and I are attending the Women in Business Symposium Luncheon hosted by the City and Chamber of Commerce at Community Hall. This quarterly event brings together local businesswomen to connect, share resources, and celebrate entrepreneurship in Cupertino. For future events and to learn more, please visit the event page.

Fourth of July Celebrations

On Friday, July 4, our community members are invited to join the City for a full day of red, white, and blue fun. From morning activities to evening fireworks, Cupertino's 4 of July th Celebration is packed with local traditions, live entertainment, and family-friendly festivities. For full details on the days festivities, visit cupertino.gov/july4. Also, do not miss Cupertino's first-ever "Dine Out for the 4th" campaign, which will kick off over Fourth of July weekend to support local restaurants and encourage residents to enjoy Cupertino's diverse dining scene. Learn more at cupertino.gov/explorecupertino.

I hope you find these updates helpful. Please reach out to me with any feedback or concerns at citymanager@cupertino.gov. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

WARM REGARDS,

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