

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2025

CITY MANAGER'S

WEEKLY LETTER TO COUNCIL

Mayor Liang Chao
Vice Mayor Kitty Moore
Councilmember JR Fruen
Councilmember Sheila Mohan
Councilmember R "Ray" Wang

Dear City Council,

I hope this message finds you well. Please find below this week's updates on recent and upcoming City news and events.

GENERAL UPDATES

Highlight: SCENE Fall 2025 Edition Produced In-House



Kudos to our Communications team for producing the Scene Fall 2025 edition entirely in-house. For the first time, the magazine was created entirely by our team without outsourcing the work to a long-time consultant. They spent many hours creating engaging content and working closely together to deliver a high-quality publication while reducing costs to the City. Special thanks to Jo Nguyen for taking on this edition of SCENE and bringing it over the finish line after countless hours of hard work.

A limited number of printed copies will soon be available at City Hall, the Cupertino Library, the Senior Center, Quinlan Community Center, and the Sports Center.

FY 25–26 Adopted Budget Ready

We are pleased to announce that the City of Cupertino's FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget is now live on the Cupertino City's website at cupertino.gov/budget. You will find 'Budget at a Glance' and Capital Improvement Plan for FY 2025-26 at the same link. The Budget documents will also be published on the City's transparency portal OpenGov early next week.



I'd like to take a moment to acknowledge and express my gratitude to all City staff and City Council who have invested their time and effort to ensure this important document is completed and accessible to our community.



Showcase Your Creativity for Cupertino's 70th Anniversary

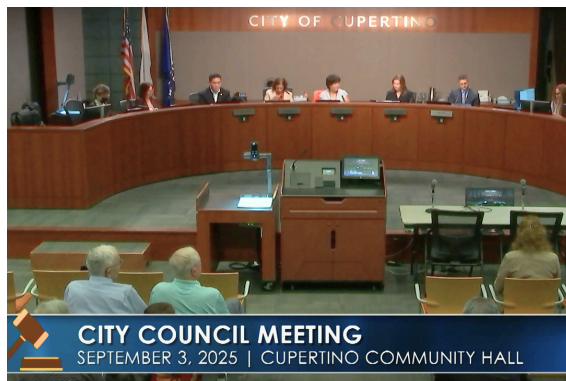
The City of Cupertino is celebrating the 70th anniversary of its incorporation as Santa Clara County's 13th city. To mark the occasion, community members of all ages are invited to showcase their creativity in the "My Cupertino" Art Wall, which will be displayed at the 70th Anniversary Cupertino Community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

Learn more and submit your artwork at cupertino.gov/crest. The deadline is Friday, October 3.

Publication Consolidation

The City Manager Report on council agendas and the Cupertino Connect are being consolidated into one single City Manager Bi-Weekly Newsletter, which will be included with Council agenda packets and shared with subscribers at the same time. This will allow us to provide regular updates in one streamlined publication. I look forward to continuing to share updates with you and the community through this consolidated publication.



Council Action Newsletter Restarting

The Council Action Newsletter is back! Starting with the September 3 meeting, Council meeting recaps will be included in the Council Action Newsletter, which will be published the week following each meeting. These will be sent out to subscribers and will be posted on the City Council webpage at cupertino.gov/council.

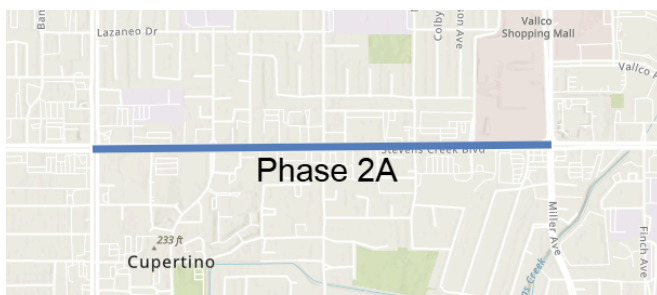
Last Chance! Please Spread the Word - Nominate for the 2025 CREST Awards



The City has received more nominations this year than last year and we are still accepting final nominations for the 2025 CREST Awards (Cupertino Recognizes Extra Steps Taken).

The deadline has been extended to Sunday, September 7, at midnight. We are especially seeking submissions for the Volunteer of the Year and Hometown Hero categories. For more information and to submit a nomination, visit cupertino.gov/crest.

Stevens Creek Blvd Class IV Bike Lane Phase 2A Project



As part of the City's Capital Improvement Program, construction on Phase 2A of the Stevens Creek Boulevard Class IV Bike Lane Project will begin September 15, 2025, and is expected to finish by year-end. Work will take place between Wolfe Road and De Anza Boulevard and may cause traffic impacts and delays.

The project will convert existing buffered bike lanes into separated lanes with concrete barriers, add exclusive bicycle signals at Wolfe and De Anza, and renovate the eastbound bus stop east of De Anza to include a boarding island. Golden Bay Construction will serve as general contractor, with Consor Engineers providing construction management.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Community Coffee with Assemblymember Ahrens and Mayor Chao

All are welcomed to join Assemblymember Patrick Ahrens and Cupertino Mayor Liang Chao for a Community Coffee tomorrow, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the Quinlan Community Center (10185 N. Stelling Road). This is an opportunity for residents to share thoughts and hear updates on state and local issues that matter to.

Monthly Mayor's Chat Meeting

Mayor Chao will host her Monthly Chat at Rancho Rinconada on Monday, September 8. We look forward to using this opportunity to discuss local concerns with residents and provide updates on City planning and governance.

The form is available at cupertino.gov/mayorchat.



Silicon Valley Fall Festival

The Silicon Valley Fall Festival will take place on Saturday, September 13. This year's event will feature youth activities including a Robotics Competition and numerous Scout booths. The City of Cupertino will also host more than 10 booths as part of the Health and Safety Fair. For details, please visit the event organizer's [webpage](#).

Cupertino Bike Festival

Join us on Saturday, September 27 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 repair, bike and helmet checks, bike decorating, bike blender smoothies, bike-themed art, and a "Safe Moves City" mini bicycle safety course for kids.





Cupertino Cybersecurity Public Awareness Event

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

For more information about the event, please visit cupertino.gov/cybersecurityevent.

MEETINGS AND RESIDENT CONCERNS

Meeting with Concerned Resident

This week, Interim Deputy City Manager Kirsten Squarcia and I met with a concerned resident following a letter submitted in person regarding a neighboring red-tagged property. The letter outlined issues related to potential occupancy, noise, and safety. Staff is actively following up with the appropriate departments, including Code Enforcement, to ensure the matter is addressed in accordance with City codes and procedures.

Encampment Near The Habit

Staff received a resident report regarding junk and debris on the sidewalk near The Habit on Stevens Creek Boulevard. The location was identified as an encampment belonging to an unhoused individual. City staff is working closely with Santa Clara County and West Valley Community Services, who have already begun outreach to offer resources and conduct their assessment. If the situation does not improve, the City will proceed with the abatement process.



Meeting with SVCS on Language and Culture Class

On Friday, Administrative Services Director Kristina Alfaro, Human Resources Manager Vanessa Guerra, and I met with representatives from the Silicon Valley Chinese School and TECO to discuss a proposal for an eight-week Chinese language and culture class for interested City or library employees. The conversation focused on exploring opportunities for the City to participate in this potential offering.

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KUDOS RECEIVED:

FEMA Recognition for Floodplain Management

Cupertino recently received recognition from FEMA for its successful participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System. This recognition reflects Cupertino's continued commitment to community safety, resilience, and proactive planning in reducing flood risk.



FEMA

Town of Cupertino

successfully participates in the

National Flood Insurance Program
Community Rating System

The community has undertaken a series of meaningful activities to protect its citizens from losses caused by flooding and has significantly exceeded the requirements for NFIP participation and effective floodplain management.



October 1, 2025


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Wishing you a wonderful weekend. Thank you for your continued support!

WARM REGARDS,



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INTERIM CITY MANAGER