

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 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



State Legislators Meet City Council

On Monday, October 13, the City Council held a Special Meeting with Senator Josh Becker and Assemblymember Patrick Ahrens, who provided updates on the 2025 legislative session. The discussion covered top legislative priorities followed by a Q&A session with Council. The City's lobbyist, Gonsalves and Son, commended the meeting as a positive step forward in strengthening relationships with local legislators.

"On housing, the Mayor drove home the need to allow the City time to catch up on the countless housing bills and their effects while pushing back on the introduction of additional legislation further eroding local control," City lobbyist Jason Gonsalves said. They further noted on Mayor and Council's "great job of engaging the legislators without challenging them and pushing towards an open and stronger partnership in the future." We appreciate the Senator and Assemblymember taking the time to attend this meeting.

22nd Annual Bay Area Diwali 2025 "Festival of Lights"

On Saturday, October 11, I joined all Councilmembers to attend the 22nd annual Bay Area Diwali 2025 Festival of Lights at Memorial Park. The event celebrated culture, diversity, and community with colorful performances, traditional music, and local vendors. It was wonderful to see so many residents and visitors come together to enjoy this annual Cupertino tradition.



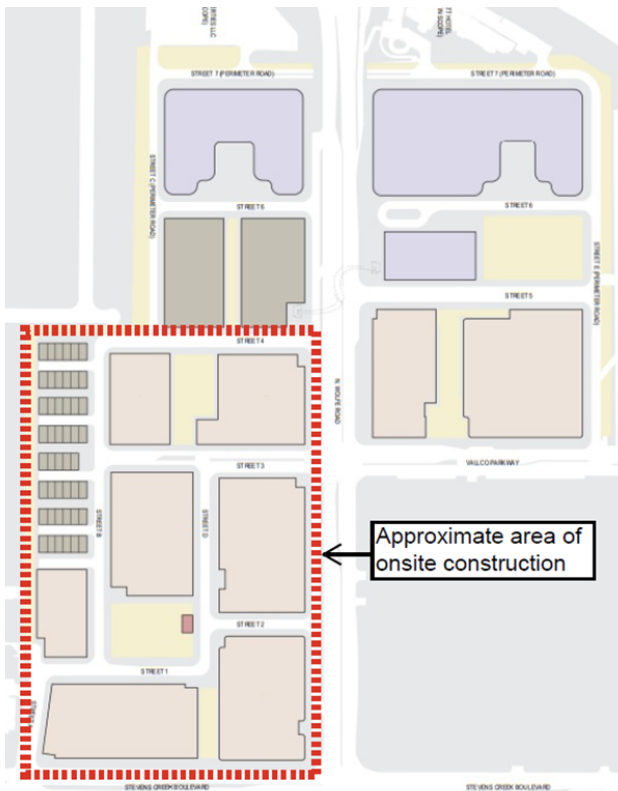


Mayor's Monthly Meeting

Mayor Chao hosted her Monthly Chat at JP Taiwan Bistro on Monday, October 13. 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.

League of California Cities 2025 Annual Conference

Last week, I joined Mayor Liang Chao, Vice Mayor Kitty Moore, and Councilmember J.R. Fruen at the League of California Cities 2025 Annual Conference and Expo, held in Long Beach. This annual event brings together city leaders from across California for general sessions, workshops, and networking opportunities. This year's conference featured more than 100 speakers and sessions focused on innovative leadership, best practices in local government, and tools to help city officials strengthen their communities.



The Rise – Construction Begins

The Rise development (formerly, Vallco) began construction of onsite utilities and private roadways within the southern half of the property, west of Wolfe Road. The work includes utility connections in the public right-of-way and the construction of temporary driveway access to these private roadways along Wolfe Rd. The project has been issued a permit for this work. To date, the City has not received a permit application for vertical building construction.

This phase of work started on October 6 and is anticipated to be complete at the end of July 2026. As with any permitted construction, the project is responsible for meeting all permit conditions and inspections prior to final sign off of the building permit. The City will monitor erosion, sediment, and dust control measures throughout the duration of the work.

Oversized Vehicles Parking in Cupertino

On September 16, City Council approved amendments to existing municipal codes to address some parking problems. These changes will take effect on Friday, October 17th. Staff have been working together to install signs about new rules and educate the public with hopes of minimizing the need for issuance of citations.

**CITY OF CUPERTINO**

DID YOU KNOW?

NEW RV/TRAILER PARKING RULES



Can do:

- Residents may obtain up to 20 OV permits per year.
- Park OVs on city right-of-way overnight with a valid permit.
- Park OVs between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m.

Cannot do:

- Travel trailers (not self-propelled) cannot be separated from its tow vehicle.
- Live or sleep in OVs.
- Park OVs on city right-of-way between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. without a permit.
- Leave OVs parked for over 72 hours.

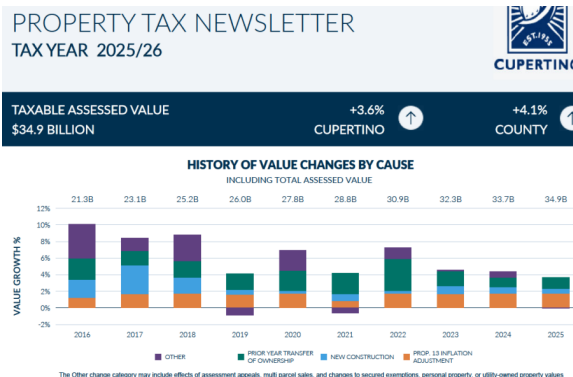
Oversized Vehicle (OV) is any vehicle, or combination of vehicles, which measure over 22 feet in length, or is over 6 feet in width and 7 feet in height.

Questions? Reach us at permitparking@cupertino.gov or (408) 777-3354
Need to file a Complaint? Visit www.cupertino.gov/cupertino311

To Apply for an OV Permit:
<https://permitparking.cupertino.gov/>

Residents who own and use Oversized Vehicles (RVs, Trailers, and others) may apply for parking permits on the City's website: www.permitparking.cupertino.gov/.

Affected areas have already seen improvements since efforts to notify RV/Trailer occupants began. We hope that improvements for residents and the public carry on so that Cupertino continues to be the beautiful, healthy and safe city that everyone enjoys. Our appreciation goes out to all residents for their support and patience during the implementation of these changes. Please keep us posted of issues that affect you and your neighborhood by using Cupertino311: www.cupertino.gov/cupertino311.



FY 2025-2026 Property Tax Update

Taxable assessed property value in Cupertino increased from \$33.7 billion in fiscal year 2024-25 to \$34.9 billion in 2025-26, a 3.6% year-over-year rise, according to data from HdL Companies. The city's top 10 property owners account for \$10.2 billion, or 29.08% of the total assessed property value. Major property taxpayers include Apple, Main Street Cupertino, Vallco Property Owner LLC, Markham Apartments LP, and others. Explore HdL Property Tax Reports at cupertino.gov/budgetreport.

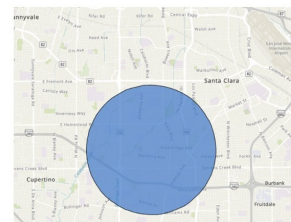
Invasive Aedes Mosquitoes Detected Close to Cupertino

The *Aedes aegypti* mosquito, an aggressive day-biter that can spread dengue and Zika, has been found near Hayes and Pruneridge Avenues, close to Cupertino. The County Mosquito and Vector Control District may treat the area if more are detected. Residents are encouraged to dump and scrub standing water weekly, including birdbaths, plant saucers and buckets.

Help protect your community by allowing County staff to check your yard and by reporting day-biting mosquitoes at (408) 918-4770 or vector.santaclaracounty.gov/ReportMosquitoes.

INVASIVE MOSQUITOES DETECTED

Dangerous and invasive, day-biting *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes found in Santa Clara, close to Cupertino, Sunnyvale, and San José





Cybersecurity Public Awareness Event

On Thursday, Oct. 9, the City's Technology, Information and Communications Commission (TICC) hosted a Cybersecurity Public Awareness community event at Community Hall. The event featured a panel discussion led by cybersecurity experts and moderated by Balaram Donthi, TICC commissioner, with Vice Chair Kumar serving as co-host. The full [video recording](#) of the Cybersecurity Public Awareness may be found at the [City of Cupertino YouTube Channel](#).

Molly Tea Coming to Cupertino

Back in August, I highlighted that a new tea café, Molly Tea, would be opening in Cupertino. The business was recently featured in the [Silicon Valley Business Journal](#) as they prepare to move into the former Barraco Coffee location at 19110 Stevens Creek Blvd., which has been vacant since last year. Tenant improvements are currently underway, and the City looks forward to welcoming this new local business and seeing the space reactivated soon.



Welcome New City Hall Receptionist!

Last week, we welcomed Paulina Vu as our new City Hall Receptionist. Paulina is a Bay Area native with more than a decade of professional experience in museum management, where she focused on public programming, visitor experience, community engagement, and operational coordination. We are thrilled to have her on the team, welcome Paulina!

Stop by City Hall for a Photo!

My Executive Team and I took a brief moment this week to capture a group photo at City Hall to celebrate the City's birthday. The decorations will stay up at city hall lobby throughout October, and community members are welcome to stop by and enjoy them. This milestone offers a meaningful opportunity to reflect on 70 years of Cupertino's history, growth, and community spirit.



UPCOMING EVENT



Joint Mixer Hosted by Cupertino Chamber and Taiwanese American Chamber

The Cupertino Chamber of Commerce and the Taiwanese American Chamber of Commerce-Northern California will host a joint mixer on Wednesday, October 22, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Sun Design Center, located at 20149 Stevens Creek Boulevard. Economic Development Manager Daniel Degu will be attending to provide an update on Cupertino's economic development activities during the event. To learn more, click [here](#).

MEETINGS AND RESIDENT CONCERNS

City of Elk Grove and Cupertino Meet & Greet

On Monday, October 13, City staff attended a meet-and-greet on my behalf with members of the City of Elk Grove's Executive Leadership Team, who were in Cupertino for their annual retreat. The Elk Grove team was particularly interested in learning about Cupertino's economic development, including the Main Street area, as their city looks to attract economic investment in their own city. The discussion covered Cupertino's community structure, City services, and strategies for attracting development and business investment, including insights on Main Street Cupertino.

Kudos Received

1) Valley Water Commends Cupertino's Leadership on Water Conservation

The City received a letter from the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water), on behalf of Board Chair Tony Estremera, commending Cupertino for its continued leadership on water conservation. The letter highlighted Valley Water's ongoing efforts to expand conservation initiatives and expressed interest in potential collaboration opportunities with the City to support long-term water sustainability.



2) City Work Program Process Serves as a Model for Cities!

City Work Program Dashboard

The online dashboard is a useful tool to easily see progress the dashboard below (or [open the dashboard in full screen](#) Program. [Instructions on how to use the dashboard below](#)



We have received positive feedback from cities such as Palo Alto, Sunnyvale, and East Palo Alto regarding Cupertino's City Work Program (CWP) process. These cities are in the process of implementing a framework based on Cupertino's process. They commended the level of detail and transparency presented on [Cupertino's CWP webpage](#) and have requested a meeting with staff to learn more about the City's approach. Other jurisdictions have likewise expressed appreciation for Cupertino's CWP and have cited it as a model for effective municipal work program management.

3) Resident Appreciates Staff Support

The City received a message from a resident expressing appreciation for the outstanding assistance provided by **Danielle Condit**, Associate Planner, during the permit process. The resident highlighted her clarity, patience, and practical knowledge, noting that she went above and beyond to ensure each step was clearly explained and understood. Nice work, Danielle!



Informational Memos

The following Informational Memo has been added to the City website at cupertino.gov/memos.

- [10 - October 17, 2025 - Policy on Resident Communication with Staff](#)

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

WARM REGARDS,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tina Kapoor'.

Tina Kapoor

INTERIM CITY MANAGER