

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2025

CITY MANAGER'S

WEEKLY LETTER TO COUNCIL

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

Dear City Council,

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

As we close out the year, I want to express my sincere appreciation for your partnership, leadership, and support throughout 2025. It has been an honor working alongside you as we navigate challenges and opportunities in service to the Cupertino community. Our work is strengthened by the dedication of the City Council, City leadership, and staff, and I am grateful for the collaboration and trust that guide our shared efforts.

Wishing you and your families a joyful and restful holiday season. I look forward to continuing our work together in the new year.



NOTEWORTHY UPDATES

The Winter SCENE is Here!

The Winter SCENE ❄️ invites the community to reflect on a memorable 2025, highlighting key moments from the City's 70th anniversary, ways to support local businesses during the holidays, severe weather safety tips, and ideas for eco-friendly celebrations. Read the latest issue at cupertino.gov/scene, with printed copies available at City facilities in January.



Holiday Closure Notice

As a reminder, City Hall will be closed starting from Wednesday, December 24, 2025, through Thursday, January 1, 2026 and will reopen for normal operations and hours on Friday, January 2, 2026. More details can be found [here](#).

Cupertino Receives \$184,000 Grant

The City is excited to announce that Cupertino Safe Routes to School is receiving a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) for Bicycle and Pedestrian Education Program for a second year! The grant, which runs through September 2026, offsets all of the budgeted City general fund dollars for our traffic safety education program for pedestrians and bicyclists in Cupertino schools ages K-8.



Grant funds will continue to support various activities focused on bicycle and pedestrian safety:

- Pedestrian training courses that educate youth on safe walking behaviors.
- Bicycle training courses that educate youth on safe riding behaviors.
- Helmet fitting inspections and distribution of helmets to children in need.
- Community and school education presentations.

This grant is funded by the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. We are very grateful and excited to work with OTS another year.

Silicon Valley Clean Energy Board Updates

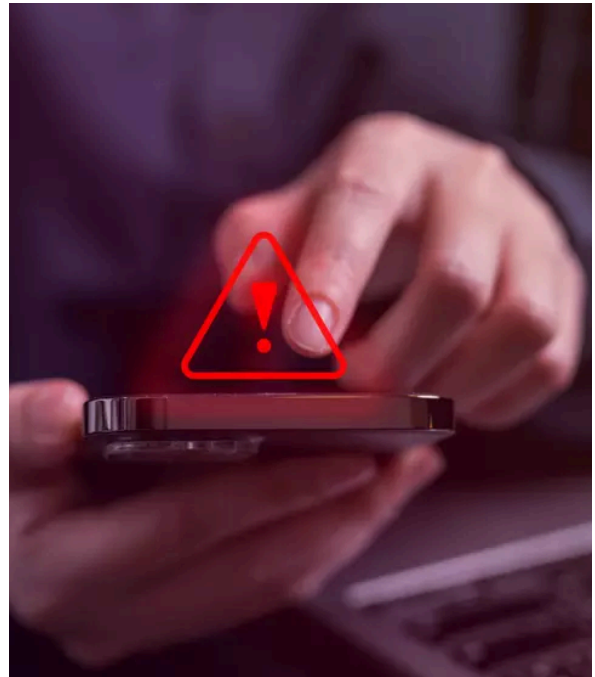


As 2025 comes to a close, the Silicon Valley Clean Energy (SVCE) Board held two meetings last week to prepare for 2026. The Board received an informational update on the growing impact of data centers, including emerging AI-related facilities, and the implications for energy demand forecasting, grid capacity, and affordability. Staff will continue monitoring these developments to minimize risk and protect existing customers.

The Board also set direction for 2026 electric generation rates, voting to maintain a one percent discount compared to PG&E rates and approving a monthly bill credit to California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) and Family Electric Rate Assistance (FERA) customers. Overall customer bills are expected to decrease slightly in 2026 due to lower energy market prices.

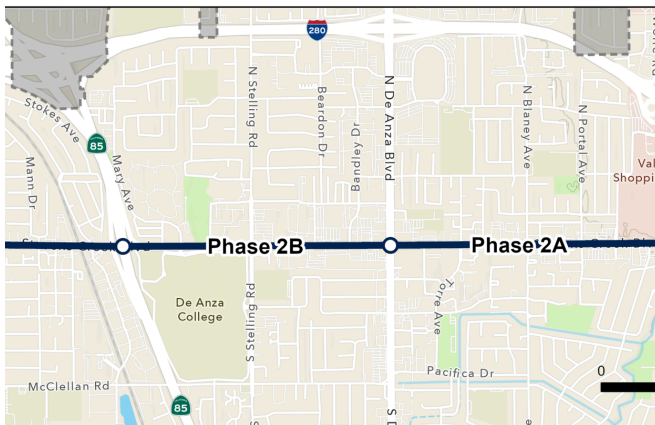
Weather Advisory: Heavy Rainfall Expected

Rain is expected daily from Saturday, December 20 through Thursday, December 25, as an atmospheric river moves through the region. Residents are encouraged to charge their devices and stay informed on [AlertSCC](#). Make sure your information is correct to receive emergency alerts. Track power outages with [PG&E's online tools](#), check stream and reservoir levels with [Valley Water](#), and get updated weather forecasts with the [National Weather Service](#). To protect your home, [Valley Water also has sandbags available](#) (see link for locations and guidelines). Stay informed with the [Cupertino Hazard Awareness Dashboard](#).



Stevens Creek Blvd Class IV Bike Lane Phase 2A Project

Stevens Creek Boulevard Class IV Bikeways



Construction begins on Phase 2A of the Stevens Creek Boulevard Bike Lane Project! Work starts on Monday, January 5, and is expected to wrap up by the summer. Expect some traffic delays in the area during construction. This project will modify 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. More details are available on the [project website](#).



Women's Business Luncheon

On Thursday, December 18, the City of Cupertino, in partnership with the Cupertino Chamber of Commerce and KeyPoint Credit Union, hosted another Women in Business Symposium Luncheon. The event brought together entrepreneurs and small business owners to exchange ideas and gain insights on navigating the age of artificial intelligence and mastering the art of the elevator pitch. Mayor Kitty Moore attended and delivered opening remarks, and Councilmember Sheila Mohan was also present, along with Interim Deputy City Manager Kirsten Squarcia and Economic Development Manager Daniel Degu. Resource partners such as NOVAworks and SCORE were present at the event, offering materials and information for attendees.

Cupertino Business Outreach

On Monday, December 15, 2025, City staff visited local businesses at the APN Plaza and Stevens Creek Center shopping centers as part of the City's Cupertino Business Outreach Program (CBOP). During the visits, staff connected with several businesses, including Panera Bread, Voyager Craft Coffee, Aiko Skin & Body, and Dr. ink, a new business that opened at the end of November.



Farmers Market Meeting

On Monday, December 15, City staff met with the Pacific Coast Farmers' Market Association (PCFMA), the organization that operates the farmers market at De Anza College and Creekside Park. The meeting included a general discussion about their two markets, and PCFMA expressed interest in learning more about upcoming City events.

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Getting Ready for the 2026 Big Football Game

I am pleased to share that the City will celebrate The Big Football Championship Game on Sunday, February 8, 2026, with a Shop Local campaign that promotes Cupertino's eateries and showcases special menus, deals, and discounts. This initiative encourages residents and visitors to dine locally while enjoying The Big Game together with family and friends. Eating and dining establishments can sign up for free advertising at cupertino.gov/TheBigGame.



UPCOMING EVENTS



De Anza State of the College Presentation

On Tuesday, January 20, 2026, you're invited to attend De Anza College's "State of the College Presentation". Learn about the past year's successes and accomplishments for De Anza as the president of the college share's his vision for the upcoming year.

KUDOS RECEIVED

Resident Appreciation for Parks and Recreation Support

The City received positive feedback from a resident expressing appreciation for the Parks and Recreation staff, noting their excellent follow-up and the timely sharing of relevant information. We value this recognition and thank the Parks and Recreation team for their continued dedication to responsive and high-quality service.



Wishing you a wonderful holiday season. Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to continuing the progress in 2026!

WARM REGARDS,

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

Tina Kapoor
CITY MANAGER