

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2026

CITY MANAGER'S

WEEKLY LETTER TO COUNCIL

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

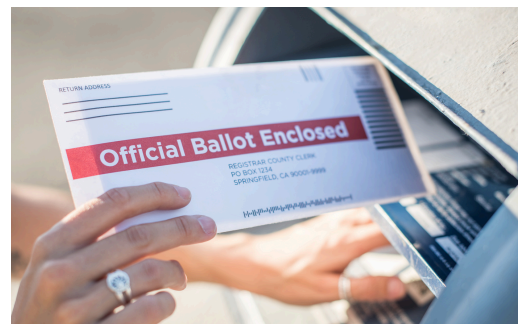
Dear City Council,

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

NOTEWORTHY UPDATES

Election Updates

As the election approaches, we sent a reminder to candidates that California law prohibits electioneering within 100 feet of designated voting locations, including vote center entrances and outdoor ballot drop-off locations. This includes displaying campaign materials, distributing literature, or wearing campaign-related clothing or items.



Ballot Drop Boxes will be available beginning October 5, and Vote Centers will open October 31. Campaigning is also prohibited in designated City facilities, including City Hall, Community Hall, the Library, Quinlan Community Center, Senior Center, and Sports Center. Maps and additional information are available on the "Electioneering" section of the [City's Elections webpage](#).



Heritage India Faire Festival

Last Sunday, Vice Mayor Chao, Councilmember Mohan, and Councilmember Fruen attended the Heritage India Faire Festival at Memorial Park. The event brought the community together to celebrate Indian culture through performances, cuisine, traditional arts and crafts, and community activities.

Fall Bike Fest

On Saturday, September 26, more than 800 community members participated in Cupertino's annual Bike Fest. Participants logged more than 1,800 miles across the Tour de Cupertino, Scavenger Hunt Ride, Little Loop, and Bike Rodeo. Nearly 200 volunteers and vendors helped make the event possible.



Cybersecurity Public Awareness Event

On Thursday, Mayor Moore helped kick off the Cybersecurity Public Awareness event featuring experts from government, law enforcement, and the technology sector. Panelists shared practical guidance on recognizing cyber threats, protecting personal information, and reducing the risk of cybercrime. The event concluded with a Q&A session, giving community members an opportunity to ask questions and learn more about staying safe online.



Accessibility Compliance

Over the past year, the City has focused on building a sustainable accessibility program in preparation for ADA Title II requirements. Key accomplishments include launching the Accessibility webpage, creating a citywide accessibility working group, training staff on accessible content practices, and starting remediation of high-priority PDFs and web content. We are also improving publishing workflows and evaluating new tools to help departments incorporate accessibility into their day-to-day operations.



Community Plan to End Homelessness



County of
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The County Office of Supportive Housing has announced and published their approved 2025-2030 Community Plan to End Homelessness on their website located at : [Community Plan to End Homelessness](#) | [Office of Supportive Housing](#) | [County of Santa Clara](#).

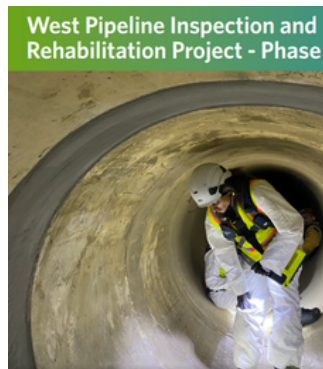
This version contains the County-wide programs and initiatives and will be subsequently updated when they add on their subregional plan portions where they will add the regional efforts to address homelessness for the North County, South County, and West Valley respectively. No action is required at this time, but the County expects individual cities get the plan endorsed by City Councils in early 2027.

SVCE Increased Rebates Available to Cupertino Residents

Silicon Valley Clean Energy is offering a \$500 limited-time added incentive on top of their existing heat pump water heater rebate of \$2,500 for a total of \$3,000 until the end of October. Heat pumps are 3-4x more efficient than gas or tankless units and can save the average home \$300-\$400 a year on energy bills. Reserve your rebate today while funds last: svce.info/homerebate.



Valley Water West Pipeline Improvement Project



Valley Water will begin Phase II of its West Pipeline Inspection and Rehabilitation Project this fall, with work continuing through spring 2027. In Cupertino, work will occur near the Union Pacific Railroad trail and McClellan Ponds, with temporary partial trail closures and intermittent traffic impacts along McClellan Road and Stevens Creek Boulevard. Construction is planned Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Valley Water will work to minimize noise and other community impacts throughout the project.



County Weed Abatement Program Shortfall

The City received an invoice from Santa Clara County for Cupertino's proportional share of a FY 2025-26 shortfall in the County's Weed Abatement Program. Cupertino's share of the program shortfall is \$21,375 and is based on the number of parcels in the program. The County reported a \$680,640 program shortfall, but after utilizing \$230,640 from the Weed Abatement Special Fund Program Reserves, the total shortfall billed to jurisdictions including the County is \$450,000. Under the City's agreement with the County, participating jurisdictions may be billed for their proportional share of a program shortfall.

According to the County, the shortfall was largely due to significantly fewer non-compliant parcels than anticipated, resulting in lower inspection fee revenue. The County has since increased program fees for the 2026 inspection season and is exploring additional cost-saving and revenue measures to help prevent future shortfalls. The City's payment is due by the end of October.

RECAP OF MEETINGS AND RESIDENT CONCERNS

Annual Employee Wellness & Benefits Fair

The City held its annual Employee Health Fair on Thursday, October 1. Employees connected with benefit providers and local health and fitness organizations and received optional flu shots.

Vallco Rise Block 5 TEFRA Public Hearing Prep Session

On Friday, I joined Councilmembers and City staff for a preparation session regarding the Vallco Rise Block 5 TEFRA Public Hearing scheduled for the October 6 City Council meeting.

Property Conditions at De Anza Boulevard and Bollinger Road

A resident requested an update regarding property conditions at the former Taco Bell site near De Anza Boulevard and Bollinger Road. Code Enforcement has an active case addressing zoning and property maintenance concerns. Some corrective actions have been completed, while others remain in progress. Staff will continue to monitor the site and track compliance.

Traffic Cones on Martinwood Way

A resident reported traffic cones left near their property following utility work in the area, which were blocking street parking. Public Works staff confirmed the cones belonged to AT&T, removed them from the street, and notified AT&T that they are available for pickup at the City's Service Center.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE REPORTS

Weekly Crime Reports

From September 21 through September 27, Sheriff's Office patrol teams made several arrests involving controlled substances, theft, fraudulent vehicle registration, providing false identification to law enforcement, and outstanding warrants. You can view the full report and previous weekly crime reports at cupertino.gov/crimesummaries.

Missing Cupertino Teen Found Safe

Earlier this week, the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office conducted a search for a missing Cupertino teen, with assistance from its Search and Rescue Team and County Parks Rangers. The teen was found safe on Thursday. Article here [news report](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Home Insurance Shopping Help Webinar

United Policyholders will host a Home Insurance Shopping Help Webinar on Tuesday, October 6, at noon. California insurance experts will share guidance on non-renewals, the California FAIR Plan, affordability, coverage, and navigating the changing home insurance market. Register and submit questions at uphelp.org/oct6



Emergency Preparedness Presentation

The City staff will present on emergency preparedness on Wednesday, October 7, from 7 to 8 p.m. at Bethel Lutheran Church. The presentation will cover personal and family preparedness, AlertSCC emergency alerts, Genasys Protect Know Your Zone, and opportunities to strengthen neighborhood preparedness through the Block Leader and Cupertino Citizen Corps programs. The event is open to the public. Learn more at cupertino.gov/emergency.





Great Shake Out

Join millions of Californians for the annual Great Shake Out earthquake drill on Thursday, October 15, at 10:15 a.m. (local time). While we encourage you to participate with everyone, you can register your ShakeOut drill for any day of the year, and drill at a time of your choice. The City will be participating with an AlertSCC notification and evacuation drill for staff.

Bay Area Diwali 2026

The Cupertino Chamber of Commerce has invited the City Council to attend the 24th annual Bay Area Diwali celebration on October 17. This year's event will feature cultural programming, a traditional Bathukamma, an AI interactive for educators and small businesses, and a marketplace. Councilmembers are invited to participate in the ceremonial lamp lighting and speaking program from 1:40 to 2:10 p.m., followed by a VIP reception with traditional refreshments.



REPRESENTING CUPERTINO AT MMANC



This week, a few City staff and I attended the Municipal Management Association of Northern California Conference in Yosemite.

I was invited as a speaker this year, which was a nice opportunity to represent Cupertino and share my unique perspective.

We talked about navigating risk, change, and those moments when leadership puts you between a rock and a hard place. My advise to that? Be Water. Find a way forward!

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Informational Memos

The following Informational Memos have been added to the City website. The information can be accessed at cupertino.gov/memos (downloadable as a PDF).

- [UPDATED - Cal Cities General Assembly Approves Resolution on Local Housing and Land Use Authority](#)
- [Procedures and Municipal Protections Under California Municipal Finance Authority Conduit Bond Issuances Conduit Bond Issuances](#)

The information can also be accessed from our website at cupertino.gov/memos (downloadable as a pdf).

Hope you have a wonderful weekend, and thank you for your continued support!

WARM REGARDS,



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