

FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 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

Celebrate the 4th of July in Cupertino

I'm excited to invite you to join me for Cupertino's Independence Day celebration. Festivities begin with the annual pancake breakfast and continue throughout the day with the flag raising ceremony, children's parade, community activities, and an evening fireworks show.

Please also stop by the Quinlan Community Center to view artwork submitted by residents in celebration of our nation's 250th anniversary. I hope to see you there as we celebrate together as a community! For more information, please visit the [City's webpage](#).



BonBon Matcha Grand Opening

We are excited to welcome BonBon Matcha to Cupertino! A grand opening was held on June 19 at its new location in the Nineteen800 shopping center at 19900 Vallco Parkway. Mayor Kitty Moore and Vice Mayor Liang Chao joined the celebration to welcome the business and wish its team success in Cupertino. BonBon Matcha is open daily from 1pm to 7pm and offers a variety of specialty matcha beverages.

Cement Plant Site Transition

Demolition has begun at the former Permanente cement plant, marking a major step in the site's transition. The demolition will remove about 40 structures across 123 acres, with work expected to continue through early 2028. This effort follows the shutdown of the cement kiln in 2020 and the plant's permanent closure announcement in 2022. The City remains committed to engaging the community throughout the process. For more information, please refer to the [website](#).



Update on Encampment Cleanup and Activity



On Monday, June 22, the City completed the cleanup of an unhoused encampment located near the intersection of North Stelling Road and Homestead Road. The individual who had been occupying the site had vacated before the cleanup occurred. The cleanup was completed following the required notice process, with temporary traffic control measures in place to safely perform the work. The City's contractor removed all trash and debris and completed a general site cleanup. Separately, another unhoused encampment at 10110 North De Anza Boulevard has been voluntarily vacated.

Senior Center Tech Lab Upgrade Complete

The Senior Center Tech Lab projection system project is complete and already improving the learning experience for participants. The new ceiling-mounted system replaces the previous portable projector and A/V cart, helping keep walkways clear and reducing blocked views during classes. The upgraded system provides a clearer, more reliable view from anywhere in the room, with brighter and sharper images and improved contrast and readability. This creates a more comfortable, engaging, and accessible learning environment for the Senior Center's technology programs.





Affordable Housing Outreach Efforts

As part of implementation of the 2023-2031 Housing Element, staff will be conducting routine annual outreach to developers to promote practices which are conducive to the production of affordable housing in accordance with the City's policy goals. A flyer will be posted to the [City's website](#) and circulated electronically that shows the incentives the City currently offers for lot consolidation for affordable housing.

Cupertino Business Outreach Program

This week, City staff visited several local businesses as part of the City's Cupertino Business Outreach Program. Visits included Oakmont Produce, Mojo Vision, KML Pharmacy, and Four Seasons Int'l Seafood. During these visits, staff connected with business representatives to discuss their operations, gather feedback, and share information about City resources and initiatives, including the Business Resource Hub.



Memorial Park Pickleball Trial

The pickleball trial begins on July 7 and will run through February 7 to help the City evaluate court usage, operational needs, and community feedback while balancing free, equitable drop-in recreation opportunities with quality of life considerations for nearby residents. More information about the trial and answers to frequently asked questions can be found at cupertino.gov/pickleballtrial.

RECAP OF MEETINGS AND RESIDENT CONCERNS

Wing Drone Delivery Meeting

On Monday, Economic Development and Community Development staff met on my behalf with Wing, an Alphabet company that offers drone delivery. Wing shared an overview of its operations and expressed an interest in establishing a nesting site within the city to support drone delivery services in Cupertino and neighboring communities. Wing plans to follow up with City staff regarding permitting and zoning requirements associated with establishing a nesting site and delivery services in Cupertino.

Subcommittee Meeting on Community Funding and Festivals

On Tuesday, Parks and Recreation Director Rachelle Sander and I met with Mayor Kitty Moore and Vice Mayor Liang Chao regarding Community Funding and Festivals. The discussion included review of the Community Funding Grant Policy, Grants Policy, and FY 2026–27 community festival information and application materials.

West Valley Mayors and Managers Meeting

On Wednesday, Mayor Kitty Moore and I attended the West Valley Mayors and Managers Meeting at Bella Saratoga. The discussion included West Valley Feasibility Study Task Force options and rescheduling the September meeting due to a League of California Cities conference conflict, followed by updates from participating cities and towns.

Resolved Resident Concern on Tree Branch Damage

A resident reached out regarding a fallen tree branch that damaged a vehicle and a remaining hanging branch concern. Staff responded, removed the fallen limbs and branches, and cleaned the area before leaving. Staff also spoke with the resident onsite and referred them to the Clerk's Office for information regarding the claims process.

Resolved Resident Concern on Housing Assistance Inquiry

A resident contacted the City seeking guidance related to a housing displacement situation and relocation assistance requirements. Staff connected the resident with appropriate resources, including Project Sentinel. The resident later confirmed that their questions had been answered and expressed appreciation for the assistance provided.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Independence Day City Holiday Closure

In observance of Independence Day, Cupertino City Hall will be closed on Friday, July 3, with regular operations resuming on Monday, July 6. Blackberry Farm pools and picnic areas will be open regular hours on July 3 and open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, July 4. Picnic areas will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Blackberry Farm Golf Course will be open regular hours July 3 and 4. The Cupertino Sports Center will be open regular hours on July 3 and closed July 4.



Summer Block Leader Meeting featuring the Building Division



The summer Block Leader meeting will be July 16. A representative from the City's Building Division will join Block Leaders and other residents to discuss current building codes, the permitting process, and building inspections. This meeting is ideal for anyone considering a home improvement project in the near future. All are welcome to join.

Save the Date: Countywide CERT Exercise

CERT volunteers are invited to participate in the annual Countywide CERT Exercise on Saturday, September 12, 2026, at Mission College in Santa Clara. The event provides an opportunity for volunteers from across Santa Clara County to train together, share best practices, and build connections with other CERT teams.

Additional details, including registration and event times, will be shared by local CERT leadership as the date approaches.



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McClellan Ranch Grant Award



I am pleased to share that the City was awarded a \$10,000 grant from Valley Water for education and stewardship enhancements at the McClellan Ranch Preserve Environmental Education Center. The funding will support Creek Tour naturalist and ranger staffing, outreach, new educational displays, an enviroscape watershed model, and updated aquarium and terrarium exhibits featuring native fish and snakes. These improvements will strengthen hands-on environmental education for students and visitors.

Cupertino Wins Prestigious AR/VR Award

Cupertino's grant-funded VR application, Cooper's Clean Air Quest, won an **Auggie Award for Best Social Impact Experience**, one of the most prestigious recognitions in the AR/VR industry. The game helps players explore the benefits of electric appliance upgrades, improved indoor air quality, and reduced greenhouse gas emissions. This award reflects a collaborative effort among staff, with funding support from Silicon Valley Clean Energy, and development by Yord Studios. Check out the **video!**



Welcome New Director of Finance



I am pleased to share that Jonathan Orozco has been appointed as the City's Director of Finance. Jonathan served as Acting while continuing his Finance Manager responsibilities and demonstrated exceptional leadership in the City's budget, financial planning, reporting efforts. I am confident Jonathan will continue providing strong leadership as we advance the City's financial priorities and organizational goals. Please join me in congratulating Jonathan on this exciting next chapter and his continued contributions to the City!

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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).

- [VTA Led Homestead Road Safe Routes to School Project](#)
- [Crossing Guard Program](#)
- [State Density Bonus Law](#)

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

Hope you have a wonderful weekend. Thank you for your continued support!

WARM REGARDS,



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CITY MANAGER