

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 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

Sheriff Contract Update

At Tuesday's City Council meeting, the Council authorized me to negotiate and execute a long-term law enforcement services agreement with Santa Clara County to maintain continuity of Sheriff services in Cupertino. This action follows notice from the County that the current agreement will not be extended beyond September 30. Thank you to the City Council for your direction and support as we continue working toward an agreement that maintains reliable public safety services for our community.



Permit Streamlining Survey

As part of the City Work Program (CWP), staff is conducting a survey on "Permit Streamlining and Simplification for Small Home Upgrades." To support this effort, the City is seeking feedback on applicants' experiences with the building permit process to help identify opportunities for improvement. The survey will be posted on the City's website and distributed to contractors, designers, and homeowners who have recently completed or are currently undergoing a residential permit application process. The survey will be available for four weeks, from September 21 through October 19.



Rubberized Pavement Grant Program

In September, staff applied for \$80,000 in grant funds from [CalRecycle's Rubberized Pavement Grant Program](#) to support materials cost of chip seal for the Pavement Maintenance Phase 2 Project. This project aligns with the City's Climate Action Plan and Zero Waste Policy.



If awarded, the funds contribute to sustainable, longer lasting roadways. Per granting agency (CalRecycle) requirements, at the October 6, 2026 Council meeting staff will request council approval to authorize the application for the Rubberized Pavement Grant.

I-280/Wolfe Road Interchange Long-Term Ramp Closure



Beginning October 2, the on-ramp to northbound I-280 from southbound Wolfe Road, near the Marriott Hotel, will close for approximately one year. Drivers will be detoured to the existing loop on-ramp, with a traffic signal modification to accommodate the temporary traffic pattern. The closure is necessary to construct the foundation for the new bridge structure and retaining walls along the north side of the freeway.

Drivers should follow posted signs and traffic control. Construction schedules are subject to change based on field conditions, weather, material availability, and contractor operations. The latest information is available on the [project website](#).

Health and Safety Element Public Hearing

The Planning Commission will hold a hearing on September 22 at 6:45 p.m. at Cupertino Community Hall and via [teleconference](#). The Commission will consider its recommendation to the City Council regarding adoption of the Health and Safety Element. The community is invited to attend in person or via teleconference.

The City Council is tentatively scheduled to consider adoption of the Health and Safety Element at its October 20 meeting. Additional information is available on the [Health and Safety Element project webpage](#).



Comcast Programming and Channel Adjustments



Comcast has provided notice of upcoming Xfinity TV programming and channel adjustments scheduled for October 28. The changes include several channel relocations and updates to local programming and leased access channels. Residents have been notified by Comcast through their billing statements.

Bike Fest Road Closure on Torre Avenue

In preparation for Cupertino's annual Bike Fest on Saturday, September 26, Torre Avenue will be closed to vehicles for the event. All vehicles must be moved from Torre Avenue by the end of the day on Friday, September 25. City vehicles may be parked in the City Hall annex parking lot or on Pacifica Avenue.



ECONOMIC BUZZ

Preferred Bank Now Open for Business



Did you know? Preferred Bank opened its new Silicon Valley Regional Office at 20803 Stevens Creek Boulevard, bringing new activity to a 3,280 square-foot space that had been vacant since 2019. Formerly occupied by The Vitamin Shoppe, the location is now open to customers Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Cupertino Business Outreach Program

This week, City staff visited several local businesses as part of the City's Cupertino Business Outreach Program. Business visits included Joy Dumpling, TP Tea, POP Nail Club, and Hair We Go. During these visits, staff met with business representatives to discuss their operations, gather feedback, and share information about City resources and initiatives.



Grand Opening & Ribbon-Cutting Requests Now Online



Businesses interested in scheduling a Grand Opening & Ribbon-Cutting ceremony from the City can now submit a request through a dedicated webpage on the City's Economic Development website. The new webpage makes it easier for businesses to access program information, submit requests, and learn more about City services available to local businesses. To learn more, visit cupertino.gov/grandopening.

RECAP OF MEETINGS AND RESIDENT CONCERNS

West Valley Mayors and Managers Meeting

On Wednesday, I attended the West Valley Mayors and Managers Meeting with Mayor Kitty Moore in Cupertino. The group reviewed the VTA Board member and alternate appointment process and shared updates from each participating city and town.

Mayor and Commission Chairs Meeting

On Wednesday, I attended the Mayor and Commission Chairs Meeting with City staff to discuss the CREST Awards selection process and opportunities for improvement. The group reviewed lessons from the most recent award cycle and discussed potential changes to clarify eligibility requirements, award categories, and the voting process for future selection committees.

Resident Concern on Randy Lane Street Maintenance

A resident asked about scheduled work on Randy Lane on September 16 and 17 and requested additional information about the project. Public Works Department clarified that the City performed crack sealing as part of its [**Phase 2 Maintenance Program**](#) to help prevent moisture from penetrating the pavement and accelerating deterioration. Staff also ensured Randy Lane was included on the list of streets impacted by the project.

Resident Meeting on Permit Process Improvements

On Thursday, I met with a resident to discuss opportunities to improve the building permit application process. The conversation provided helpful feedback as we continue looking for ways to make the permit process clearer and more efficient for residents.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE REPORTS

Weekly Crime Reports

Beginning this week, I will include a brief update and link to the Cupertino Weekly Crime Report in the City Manager's Weekly Letter to Council. From September 7 through September 13, 2026, Sheriff's Office patrol teams made seven arrests resulting from a combination of calls for service and self-initiated activity. The arrests involved a range of violations, including battery, theft, DUI, drug-related offenses, and fraud-related activity.

You can view the full report and previous weekly crime reports at cupertino.gov/crimesummaries.

UPCOMING EVENTS

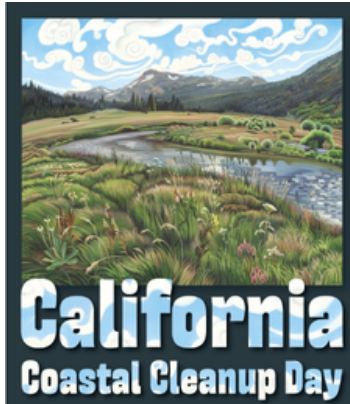
City Council Candidate Forums

Information on three upcoming independently hosted City Council candidate forums has been posted on the City's [Elections webpage](#) and [City calendar](#) for residents:

- September 19, 3 p.m., Diya TV, Quinlan Community Center
- October 7, 6 p.m., League of Women Voters of Cupertino Sunnyvale and San José Spotlight | Cupertino Senior Center
- October 14, 12 p.m., Rotary Club of Cupertino and Cupertino Chamber of Commerce, Quinlan Community Center

The City is providing the information as a courtesy and is not sponsoring or endorsing any forum or candidate.





International Coastal Cleanup Day

You are invited to participate in International Coastal Cleanup Day on Saturday, September 19, by volunteering at a local cleanup event. The City will not host its regular Regnart Creek cleanup this fall due to planned groundwater recharge maintenance and related site access restrictions. Cupertino's next National River Cleanup event at Regnart Creek is planned for May 2027. Find a cleanup location at cleanacreek.org/events.

Cupertino Fall Bike Fest

Join us on Saturday, September 26 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for Cupertino's annual Fall Bike Fest to celebrate all things bike! There will be bike repair and education, and fun activities including bike and helmet checks, bike decorating, bike blender smoothies, bike-themed art, along with a "Safe Moves City" mini bicycle safety course for kids and two community bike rides. Learn more at cupertino.gov/bikefest.



CELEBRATING MILESTONES TOGETHER



On Thursday, the City Manager's Office came together during lunch to celebrate soon to be mommy, Serena, and September birthdays with a potluck. It was a fun opportunity to connect and celebrate together.

Serena will begin her maternity leave mid-October. We have developed a comprehensive coverage plan to ensure a smooth transition and continuity during her leave, which we share with you shortly.

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

WARM REGARDS,

A handwritten signature in dark blue ink, appearing to read 'Tina Kapoor', with a stylized, flowing script.

Tina Kapoor
CITY MANAGER