

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 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

Hashi Market Opening October 9



I have received many inquiries about Hashi Market's opening and I am so pleased to share that their grand opening is finally here. Join us on Friday, October 9, at 10 a.m. at 20558 Stevens Creek Blvd. This retail space previously occupied by Sprouts Market has been vacant since 2023. This expands Cupertino's retail offerings by providing residents and visitors with access to a wide selection of Japanese groceries, specialty products, and prepared foods, while contributing to the vibrancy of Cupertino's economy. I look forward to celebrating their grand opening with you!

Cal Cities General Assembly Approves Resolution on Local Housing and Land Use Authority

This morning, at the League of California Cities Annual Conference, delegates approved Resolution No. 1, directing Cal Cities to consider establishing a statewide working group to evaluate legislative and policy solutions that could strengthen local authority over housing and land use decisions.

Mayor Moore, who served as the delegate this year, voted on behalf of Cupertino, and noted that, after years of increasing state preemption of local land use authority, this was the first concerted effort to gain broad support across all city types.



New Restaurant Opens in Cupertino

Jin Gege & YaoYao, located in Marketplace at 19628 Stevens Creek Blvd., opened in late August in a 4,370-square-foot space. The restaurant specializes in Chinese cuisine and is open daily from 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Its opening adds to the range of dining options available to residents and visitors in Cupertino.



Specialty's Café & Bakery Also Coming to Cupertino

Another exciting addition is on the way to Cupertino. Specialty's Café & Bakery will bring new life to the former Le Boulanger location at 20488 Stevens Creek Blvd., occupying approximately 6,550 square feet of retail space. The project is moving forward, with plans for tenant improvements already submitted. We are excited to welcome this investment to the community, further enhancing Cupertino's diverse dining scene.



Here We Go - 2nd Annual Restaurant Week!



Check out the list of participating businesses for this year's Cupertino Restaurant Week at cupertino.gov/explore. The 2nd annual Cupertino Restaurant Week will take place from Monday, October 5 through Sunday, October 11. This weeklong celebration invites residents and visitors to explore Cupertino's diverse dining scene while enjoying exclusive special offers and promotions from participating restaurants throughout the city.

HR Manager Recruitment



Recruitment is now open for the City's Human Resources Manager position. This key position within the City Manager's Office oversees the Human Resources Division and works collaboratively across the organization in areas including employee and labor relations, recruitment and retention, and workplace culture. Applications will be accepted through October 16. Additional information and application details are available on the [City's Career Page](#).

2026 Artist Awards

The Cupertino Arts and Culture Commission is accepting applications for its annual Distinguished Artist, Emerging Artist, and Young Artist Awards, recognizing local talent in the visual, verbal, and performing arts. Award recipients will receive public recognition and a cash award. The Young Artist Award is open to youth ages 6 to 14. [Applications](#) are due Thursday, October 1 at 4:30 p.m.



RECAP OF MEETINGS AND RESIDENT CONCERNS

Council Candidate Orientation

On Tuesday, I joined the Executive Team for the City Council Candidate Orientation, where we provided an overview of City governance, operations, the City Work Program, elections, and key department projects. Captain Neil Valenzuela also provided an overview of the City's partnership with the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office.

Fence and Property Boundary Inquiry

A resident raised concerns regarding a neighboring property's proposed fence replacement and the location of the property boundary. Staff confirmed that no building permit application for the fence has been submitted and clarified the City's permitting requirements. Because property boundary disputes are civil matters, the City does not make determinations regarding property lines, ownership rights, or the legal use of survey documents. Staff will follow up with the property owner to reiterate the City's permitting requirements and processes.

Encampment Near Homestead and N. Stelling Roads

Code Enforcement received multiple complaints regarding an encampment on private property near Homestead Road and North Stelling Road. Staff investigated the matter and coordinated with the appropriate parties. The property owner has since cleared the site, and the encampment was removed as of Wednesday, September 23.



Unhoused Site Cleanup



On Friday morning, September 25, an encampment abatement was planned for the area beneath the Blaney Bridge within the public right-of-way along Lucille Avenue. To facilitate cleanup operations and access for equipment and service vehicles, a portion of Lucille Avenue was temporarily closed from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on the day of the abatement.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE REPORTS

Weekly Crime Reports

From September 14 through September 20, Sheriff's Office patrol teams made several arrests involving a range of violations, including grand theft, organized retail theft, possession of a loaded firearm, assaulting or obstructing an officer, possession of drug paraphernalia, and probation violations. You can view the full report and previous weekly crime reports at cupertino.gov/crimesummaries.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Cupertino Fall Bike Fest

Join us on September 26, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for Cupertino's annual Fall Bike Fest to celebrate all things bike! The event will feature bike repair and education, bike and helmet checks, bike blender smoothies, bike-themed art, a "Safe Moves City" mini bicycle safety course for kids, and two community bike rides. **As a reminder, all vehicles must be moved off Torre Avenue by Friday night to make way for Bike Fest. City vehicles should be parked in the City Hall annex parking lot or on Pacifica Avenue. Learn more at cupertino.gov/bikefest.**



Heritage India Faire 2026



Heritage India Faire 2026 will take place on Sunday, September 27, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Memorial Park. Organized by Cupertino Bhubaneswar Sister City and co-hosted with the City of Cupertino and Consulate General of India in San Francisco, the event will feature cultural performances, cuisine, crafts, and community activities. Admission is free, and everyone is welcome to attend.

Lehigh-Heidelberg Cement Plant and Quarry Annual Meeting

anta Clara County Supervisor Margaret Abe-Koga will host a virtual meeting on Wednesday, September 30, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. about the future of the Lehigh/Heidelberg cement plant and Permanente Quarry.



A panel of county, state and local regulators, along with representatives from Heidelberg Materials, will provide updates and answer questions about the Permanente Quarry and the former cement plant located in the hills above Cupertino and Los Altos. Register for the virtual meeting at bit.ly/4qW0oAN

County of Santa Clara's Point-in-Time Count Kick Off



Santa Clara County's federally required biennial Point-in-Time (PIT) Count will occur in January 2027. The count involves local government staff and volunteers to coordinate a headcount and survey of unhoused persons throughout a jurisdiction to maintain accurate information on the current and emerging needs and causes of homelessness. In preparation of this effort, the County will begin outreach for recruiting volunteers, starting with an online information session at 1:00 p.m. on October 6, [via zoom](#).

California Bank & Trust Community Mixer

California Bank & Trust has invited the City Council to attend a community mixer and nonprofit fundraising event on Wednesday, September 30, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at its Cupertino branch, located at 20541 Stevens Creek Boulevard.



TEEN LEADERSHIP GROUPS BEGIN NEW TERM

Cupertino's teen leadership groups are starting a new year of service. The Youth Activity Board (YAB) kicked off September with 14 members who will help plan events and bring a youth perspective to Parks and Recreation programs.

The City also welcomed five new Teen Commissioners and five returning commissioners, who will spend the year sharing ideas and providing input on issues affecting Cupertino teens.



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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).

- [Agreement Between the City of Cupertino and Cupertino Historical Society](#)
- [Bill Positions Adopted by the Legislative Review Committee \(LRC\)](#)
- [Cal Cities General Assembly Approves Resolution on Local Housing and Land Use Authority](#)
- [Informational Update on the Cupertino Disaster Council](#)
- [Evaluation of Potential Procedural Improvements to the Cupertino Below Market Rate \(BMR\) Housing Program](#)
- [Mayor and Commission Chairs Meeting](#)

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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CITY MANAGER