

SAFE ROUTES 2 SCHOOL UPDATE

November 2017



International Walk To School Day

Thank you to everyone who participated and celebrated International Walk to School Day on October 4th. We had a strong turnout and successful events at numerous schools. Homestead High School celebrated the event early by conducting a bike stampede on September 29th where members of Sunnyvale City Council, Sunnyvale BPAC, Los Altos Green Town, and HHS teachers all biked to school with students and finished the ride with Krispy Kreme donuts. Lincoln Elementary held a walking school bus as their primary event and Stevens Creek Elementary handed out dog tags to help get kids even more excited about the celebration. Eaton and Regnart hosted Walk n Roll days, and at Eaton Elementary, Mayor Savita Vaidhyanaathan attended to handout Safe Routes 2 School stickers and further promote Cupertino's goal of increasing the number of students who walk and bike to school. Thanks again to all who participated and helped make this year's International Walk to School Day a success!

Cupertino Fall Bike Festival !

On October 21st, 2017 Cupertino Safe Routes 2 School and the Bicycle Pedestrian Commission hosted the 4th annual 'Fall Bike Fest' featuring the Pedal 4 the Planet Family Bike Rides, free bike repairs, and free bike rodeo! The event was a huge success with at least 100 people in attendance participating in the bike rodeo and the two group bike rides. Our shorter 6mi ride was greatly appreciated by families

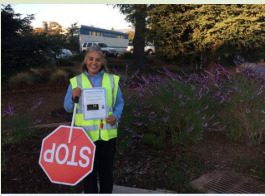
who enjoyed the low traffic route that enabled even the youngest of riders to participate in the event. The longer 13 mi "Spandex ride" was also a success as riders said that they felt that the route gave them an almost complete tour of the City, coupled with the perfect amount of elevation to help keep the ride casual yet fun. Our friends at Safe Moves put on an exciting and educational bicycle rodeo filled with challeng-

ing obstacles that helped teach kids bike handling and safety skills. Lastly, the event's bike blender was a huge hit, as both adults and kids had fun using their own power to pedal and blend healthy and nutritious fruit smoothies.



SR2S CROSSING GUARD OF THE MONTH

This month we celebrate Helen Arslanoglu as Cupertino's Crossing Guard of the Month. Helen is a reliable and responsible crossing guard who goes above and beyond to ensure student's safety and protect pedestrians. Helen has planted a flower garden at her intersection and will next year plant pumpkins so that Lawson Middle School students can pick pumpkins for free. Helen is a selfless individual who approaches everyday of her job with a smile and a caring demeanor. For Helen her job is more than just a job, "I have to take care of more than me" she says, talking about the children and their safety. Every day she wakes up with the mindset of, "I have to be the best that I can be for the kids". You can find Helen at the intersection of Merit and Vista in front of Lawson Middle School ensuring that Lawson students make it safely across the street. We appreciate Helen for her commitment to the community and student safety.



Regnart Creek Trail "Walkshop"

In June 2016, Cupertino City Council adopted its 2016 Bicycle Transportation Plan. This Plan identified a prioritized list of recommended improvement projects to support and promote bicycling in Cupertino, including "The Loop", which consists of several trail segments that when combined together with on-street bikeways will form a loop bike network around Cupertino.

The Regnart Creek Trail is one of the trail segments that would make up "The Loop". It will provide an off-street bicycle and pedestrian facility that runs parallel to the existing Regnart Creek and provide a connection between Pacifica Drive and the existing Creekside Trail at E. Estates Drive.

Our Public Works Department is currently working with HMM Engineers to prepare and deliver a feasibility study for the proposed trail extents. We invite you to join us for a "walkshop" on Saturday November 18, 2017 to walk a portion of the proposed trail with City staff and to provide your input, especially if your students attend Eaton, Faria, Lawson, and Cupertino High School as this trail will provide much safer routes for students to and from those schools. Drop in anytime during either the morning or afternoon session. We want to hear from you!

Regnart Creek Trail "Walkshop"

Date: Saturday, November 18, 2017

Where: Access gates on Rodrigues Ave (next to the City Hall parking lot)



Morning Session:

10:30-11:00am Project Intro

11:00-12:00pm Site Walk

Afternoon Session:

1:00-1:30pm Project Intro

1:30-2:30pm Site Walk

GET INVOLVED!

Help with upcoming events by contacting: saferoutes@cupertino.org

1) Carpool counts @ Cupertino High (ongoing through January)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1) SR2S Working Group Meeting: Tuesday, November 14th from 4-5pm at City Hall (Conference Room C)
- 2) Bike Boulevard Public Workshop #5: Thursday November 16th from 6:30 - 7:30 PM at Quinlan Community Center
- 3) Regnart Creek 'Walk Shop': Saturday, November 18th from 10:30 AM - 2:30 PM at Creek Gates on Rodriguez Ave.

ABOUT SR2S

Cupertino Safe Routes 2 School is a partnership program between the City of Cupertino, Cupertino Schools, Fremont Union High School District, Cupertino Union School District, and the Santa Clara County Sheriff's office. We aim to reduce traffic and pollution and increase safety by bringing people together to craft solutions to the impending traffic concerns facing our community.

CONTACT US

For more information or ways to get involved, visit: cupertino.org/saferoutes or email saferoutes@cupertino.org

