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QUARRY IMPROVEMENTS

- Installed New High Efficiency Electric Motors on the processing plants
- Road Maintenance and Preparation for Winter

BY THE NUMBERS

Stevens Creek Quarry is allowed to operate a limited number of non-emergency Saturdays and evenings per the neighborhood agreement.

Here's How We Are Doing:	Days Allowed in a Year	Days Used 1/20 – 12/20
Saturdays		
Plant Operations	15	4
Truck Loading Operations	15	0
Evenings		
Plant or Truck Loading Operations	30	0

FAST FACTS

- Renters in Santa Clara County need to earn \$54.88 per hour – 3.4 times the City of Mountain View's minimum wage – to afford the average monthly asking rent of \$2,854.00
- It costs \$750,000 per unit to build “affordable housing” in San Francisco. Many reasons include cost of land, labor, government fees, financing, permits, attorneys, and consultants. San Francisco has the highest overall building costs in the world.
- In the next 9 years the Bay Area needs to produce almost 450,000 new homes, about 180,000 of which should be affordable.

Sources: California Housing Partnerships, New York Times, California Regional Housing Needs Assessment.

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Quarry Times is a publication for keeping our neighbors informed about quarry activities, and also includes other information of community interest.



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Building the Way Home

Habitat for Humanity East Bay/Silicon Valley Helps Hard Working Families Achieve Home Ownership.



At a time when it has never been more important to have an affordable, safe and healthy home, Habitat for Humanity East Bay/Silicon Valley has made it possible for 30 hard working families to become homeowners in Fremont's new Central Commons development.

Purchased with mortgages that ensure monthly housing costs don't exceed 35% of income, these green-built, two to four-bedroom single-family condominiums are already inspiring optimism and transforming futures.

In the Bay Area where it's not uncommon for low and moderate-income earners to pay over one-half their monthly income for housing expenses, families often despair over ever being able to achieve the dream of ownership. A common misperception is that Habitat's model is “barn raising” homes that are given to families. In fact, the homes are purchased, but Habitat is able to make the mortgages affordable through the community support of volunteers, donors, and funding from corporate sponsors, faith communities, community organizations, and government sources.

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Habitat for Humanity offers hope through action by initially helping applicants prepare for the financial responsibilities of buying a home. Through a robust counseling program that's also open to the public, applicants are required to complete a financial education program and first-time homebuyer classes. After becoming

income qualified homeowners put in “sweat equity” working with volunteers to build their home.

The positive outcomes of Habitat's projects reach far beyond shelter and safety. Data from a recent Habitat EBSV Social Impact Study illuminate how becoming a Habitat homeowner builds strength, stability, and self-reliance.

The study showed remarkable improvements among Habitat families such as better financial wellness, educational achievement, and health outcomes – elements that help break the cycle of poverty and build generational success. The children of these homeowners have an 87% high school graduation rate, surpassing the national average for all students, and 20% of adult residents increase their education. Families can finally

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Changing Lives for the Better

For nearly 15 years SCQ has supported Habitat for Humanity by donating hundreds of truckloads of aggregates required to build desperately needed affordable housing in South Bay communities. These sorts of donations are extremely important because they help offset Habitat's costs, allowing them to build more homes and enable struggling families to become owners. Never has that been more necessary than it has this year, with a housing crisis made worse by the pandemic's economic effects.

For SCQ this is more than a donation – it has been a long-term passion and an investment in people and communities. Yes, it's gratifying to see the physical result of our products becoming new, energy efficient, and sustainably built homes for hard working families to live near where they work. But more importantly those foundations and frames give families a future – a chance to thrive and prosper – for children to have a quiet place to study and where parents don't have to make a tradeoff between food, childcare and rent.

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Habitat for Humanity East Bay/Silicon Valley compiled data on outcomes for these families and the results show how home ownership shapes their lives – from financial security to long-term stability to furthering education. Families finally get to break the cycle of poverty and build a better future.

SCQ is a local, family-owned producer of aggregates and recycled building materials, and a proud partner with Habitat. Because of that we are able to provide

the products that otherwise would have to be sourced at greater distances and higher costs resulting in less resources for Habitat and fewer units built.

The holiday season is about hope and the blessings of family. These have been extraordinary times, but today there are 30 more families that have a place to call home and that makes our extended community look better. May your celebrations be happy and safe.

Robert A. Vase



gain a foothold to get ahead, and that not only helps them, but supports the greater good of the community.

In addition to being affordable, Habitat builds sustainable homes that are durable, use less resources, provide healthy environments, and reduce the home's monthly and life cycle costs.

Central Commons is an outstanding example of energy efficiency, reusing infill land, and being transit oriented. Built cleaner and greener, the rooftops of every building have photovoltaic solar panels. "We've incorporated lots of green building elements throughout the building process and we're really proud of our commitment to sustainability as well as affordability," commented Patti Wang Cross, PR, and Events Manager for Habitat EBSV.

Building to the highest environmental standards also included using SCQ's products. SCQ donated aggregate base, drain rock and sand that were used under driveways, sidewalks, the courtyard area, for utilities, and landscape boxes, helping to "build the road home." Bioswales with SCQ's materials capture stormwater runoff and remove pollutants.

Built in two phases, Romgerd Construction, a small family business, supervised the second phase of 19 units. According to Ali Erami, Romgerd's owner, "SCQ provided 162 tons of aggregate base, sand, and gravel, and it would have been impossible to do this building without donations. Over 40 years I've been in this business and it was incredible how SCQ responded. I would call and they would send over materials in half an hour – donating faster than when deliveries from others are paid for."

"It's vital to have the correct material," commented Alma Erami. "There were times

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Ali Erami, Owner Romgerd Construction

when I called SCQ for a certain type of rock, and they would double check with me how it was to be used. Sometimes they would suggest something that would work better. Their customer service was exceptional – they were an absolute pleasure to work with and always willing and generous with their donations.”

Central Commons is the first and only home ownership development in the State of California to be awarded funding from the California Department of Housing and Community Develop-

ment’s Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program financed from Cap-and-Trade proceeds. The program funds land-use, housing, transportation, and land preservation projects to support infill and compact developments that reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Volunteers donated thousands of hours, including corporate donors such as PG&E and Wells Fargo. Many local

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businesses and non-profits volunteered as well, including Fremont Mayor Lily Mei who painted baseboards with the San Francisco 49ers. Firefighters from the station next door not only provided safety, but delicious barbecues.

At the dedication homeowners received three housewarming gifts: a hammer representing thousands of volunteer hours to “extend a hand”; a journal signifying the next chapter in a family’s life and to record new memories, and a keepsake key symbolizing the opportunities that the homes will unlock for these families.

Habitat EBSV’s next development is Esperanza Place in Walnut Creek. Located near BART, it’s also transit-focused and will provide townhomes for 42 families.

SCQ is proud of our long-standing partnership with Habitat helping “build the road home” for working families to create a stronger future for themselves, their children, and their communities.

foot of floodwater or less.

Below is a list of the Water District’s Sandbag Stations and other information.

Also see www.valleywater.org/floodready or call (408) 630-2650 for tips on proper sandbag usage and property protection advice for your home.

ne from Flooding

Valley Water offers free, filled sand-bags for Santa Clara County residents. Loose sand and empty bags for self-filling are also available but bring a shovel. You will need additional materials like plywood and plastic sheeting for optimal protection. Sandbags may protect from a

Sandbag Stations:

water.org/sites/default/files/Sandbag%20location%20map%20-%202017-18.pdf



Christmas Tree Coffee Cake

There’s nothing more delicious than an easy coffee cake on a cold winter morning!



Ingredients

Bread: 1 can (8 oz) Pillsbury refrigerated crescent dinner rolls
2 teaspoons granulated sugar
1 teaspoon grated orange peel

Glaze: ¼ cup powdered sugar
1-2 teaspoons orange juice
4 red candied cherries, halved
4 green candied cherries, halved

Steps:

1. Heat oven to 375°F. Unroll dough into 2 long rectangles; firmly press perforations to seal. Cut each rectangle lengthwise into 4 strips. Twist each dough strip several times.
2. On ungreased cookie sheet, form tree shape by starting a top of tree. Zigzag twisted strips of dough back and forth across cookie sheet,

touching previous strip and making tree wider toward bottom, adding strips as each is finished. End with a curl of dough at center of bottom to form trunk. Tree will be about 8 inches from tip to trunk.

3. In small bowl, mix granulated sugar and orange peel. Sprinkle over dough.
4. Bake 12-16 minutes or until golden brown. Immediately remove from cookie sheet; place on serving tray.
5. In small bowl, beat powdered sugar and orange juice until smooth and thin enough to drizzle. Drizzle glaze over bread. Garnish with cherries and serve warm.

Note: Don’t like candied cherries? Try fresh raspberries, strawberry slices, dried cranberries or very well-drained maraschino cherries instead.



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Address:

Holiday Happiness – From the City of Cupertino



SANTA is sheltering in place at the North Pole. Visit him via Zoom! Dec. 4-5th & 18-19th, 4pm-8pm – \$10 Residents/\$12 Non-Residents – **Book a visit at bit.ly/zoomwithsanta**

Deck The Doors. Send a photo of your decorated door (any door – home or office) to cupertino-cares@cupertino.org by December 16th. Doors will be judged on creativity and holiday spirit. Winners receive gift cards and announced on Dec. 18th.

The Santa Stop. Santa will leave the North Pole to make one stop in Cupertino. Drive through visits will take place at Quinlan Community Center's parking lot with specific 30-minute time slots. A ticket must be purchased in advance. Santa letters are encouraged, and all registrants will receive candy canes and an ornament. Dec. 11-12th from 5pm – 7pm, and Dec. 13th from 2pm – 4pm. \$5 Residents/\$6 Non-Residents. **To purchase a ticket, visit bit.ly/thesantastop**

If your community non-profit has an upcoming event, please contact Sharon Prager at (650) 579-5839.



Need City Information?

For the latest local covid reports, virtual recreation classes, and community resources see: <https://www.cupertino.org/our-city/city-news/coronavirus-covid-19/-fsiteid-1>