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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BEST MAINTAINED OPEN SPACE

On several occasions over the past months, I have mentioned how special Redwood Shores is. At the City Council meeting of September 26, Mayor Jeff Ira, the City Council and the Pride and Beautification Committee recognized several residences and businesses for their investments in maintaining and improving their part of Redwood City. Beautiful residential gardens, renovated businesses and landscapes were all recognized at the council meeting.



One of our treasures in the Shores is our open space. On behalf of our community, the Redwood Shores Community Association was recognized for the "Best Maintained Open Space." *(Continued on page 6)*



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SAVE THE MUSIC MEETS IT'S GOALS



The 3rd Annual Save the Music Regatta was a success with canoe teams from all over pitting it out for the Regatta Title! Returning teams, such as the NDNU Argonauts and the RSCA Rascals, School Board, too joined new teams like Sarah's Paddling Machine and the KCSM Jazz 91 for a fun filled day on the water. In Heat One, Team Infinity followed by Sarah's Paddling team edging out the RSCA Rascals and Team Capsize to advance to the final round. Heat Two was particularly close with the Cipiri-do-das and the NDNU Argonauts edging out KCSM Jazz 91 and Neopolitan for the advance to the Final. In Heat Three, the School Board Dare Devils and Pete and the Sandpiper Sweeties came in ahead of the Rams and the Stanford Cheerleaders to advance to the final.

The Final Round was an action packed round with the Team Infinity Canoe of Robert Tsuchiyama, Craig Newton, Amber Mills and Adili Skillin paddling the Provident Credit Union Boat. In the Equity Office Boat, the Pete and the Sandpiper Sweeties Team of Pete Murray, Lana Ferguson, Gina Bruno, and Nancy Murray lined up. The NDNU Argonauts team of Juan Carlosvera, Luke Nakamoto, Cole Sloan and Geoff Farrer readied their paddles in the Daily Journal Boat. The School Board Dare Devils team of Eric Shrader, Jeni Benelli, Sharon Thomson and Anthony Bolosna lines up in the

Mid-Peninsula Bank Boat. Finally, the Cipiri-do-das Team of Angel Hession, Lisa Merin, Ann Snelling and Gary Hession launched in the Wells Fargo Boat.

Taking it all, the team of Pete and the Sandpiper Sweeties edged out last year's winners, the Carlmont Math teachers known as Infinity. The Cipriani school teachers boat, the Cipiri-Do-Das just edged out the School Board Dare Devils for an exciting finish. And the NDNU Argonauts tested their swimming ability as they nearly ran into a few boats. And much fun was had by all.

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REDWOOD SHORES WINS 2 BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS

Winners of the Annual Mayor's Beautification Awards were honored by City Council for landscaping to remodeling, courtyard design to historic renovation, and architectural design to neighborhood improvement. The Mayor's Beautification Awards recognizes the best projects throughout the community of Redwood City. This year's winners were honored at a recent reception and City Council Meeting, where each of the winners and honorable mentions received a special plaque or certificate, along with the congratulations and thanks of the Mayor and the Council, in honor of their civic pride.

Ken & Yvonne Nava of 443 Tiller Lane were declared one of the winners this year for the most Beautiful And Best Maintained Garden Landscape and the Levee in Redwood Shores won for the best open space.

REDWOOD CITY IS A HEAD OF THE PACK

As you might know, Redwood City, prior to the run-up in gas prices, purchased 12 new Toyota Prius electric/gas hybrid cars in October. Redwood City is not only saving money on gas, but they received a total of \$24,000 as an incentive for purchasing the cars. (With that kind of return, maybe we should start playing the stock market as well). Congratulations to Larry Barwacz and his entire shop team for championing this change, and being so clairvoyant to know that gas prices would skyrocket.

Excerpted from EDCETERA, October 6, 2005.

REDWOOD CITY APPOINTS NEW DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES

Concluding a thorough, exhaustive search and evaluation process, Redwood City has hired a new Director of Human Resources. Mr. Robert Bell, formerly the Human Resources Director for the City of Burlingame, started work for Redwood City on September 19th. Mr. Bell's depth of experience, professional credentials, and progressive attitude were key in the hiring decision. "Bob brings a fresh perspective to our HR program, and take this already-innovative department to new levels of creativity and service," said City Manager Ed Everett. Redwood City's Human Resources Department consists of ten staff people who provide HR services to nearly 600 employees. The department is responsible for recruitments, employee development, benefits and legal administration, worker's compensation, performance management, and personnel systems management. The department also has a selection of services which it offers on a fee basis to other cities, agencies, and private firms.

COMMUNITY SAFETY ALERT

During the past few months several arson fires have been started in Redwood City. All of these fires occurred at night, were set in apartment buildings, and were most frequently started in carports, laundry rooms, storage areas, garbage containers, and other common areas. Fortunately, the quick action of the Fire Department has limited these fires from spreading and injuring residents. It's important that residents work together with the City to help protect the safety of the community, property, and lives. Here's what you can do:

- * Be alert to suspicious persons in carport areas and laundry room areas of apartment complexes
- * Immediately report any suspicious persons or activity to the Redwood City Police at 780-7100
- * In the event of a fire or other emergency, immediately call 911
- * Please share this information with your neighbors, associations, etc.

A \$10,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for these crimes was offered by the Redwood City Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco & Firearms. If you have information regarding any of these fires, please contact Detective Jackie Gouldson at 780-7620.

Safety precautions for you and your neighbors:

- * Do not pile easily-combustible material such as furniture, clothing, junk, weeds, etc., in or around carports, laundry rooms, garbage areas, water heaters, underneath stairways, or in common areas.
- * Any fuels, propane cylinders, gas cans, garden machinery, charcoal, barbecue lighters, matches, and other ignition devices should be stored in a safe and secure manner.
- * All parked vehicles, including those in carports, should be locked.
- * Make sure all fire extinguishers in your home are easily accessible, in good working condition, and that you know how to use them.
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- * Have an emergency/fire evacuation plan in place, and practice it with your family.

If you have any questions on these safety precautions, the use and placement of fire extinguishers and smoke detectors, preparing an evacuation plan, or the proper disposal of combustible materials, or if you'd like more fire and life safety information, please contact: the Redwood City Fire Department, Fire Prevention Bureau at 650-780-7400.

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(SAVE THE MUSIC - Continued from page 3)

Our Celebrity emcee, Jamis McNiven, owner of Buck's of Woodside and author of the book "A Breakfast at Buck's, Tales from the Pancake Guy" returned for a third year of fun and flippant microphone tomfoolery.

The Save the Music Regatta was sponsored by the Redwood Shores Rowing and Paddling Club, who organized the registration, race day logistics and heavy lifting. Special thanks to our starter, Tom Clause, our registrars, Gina Sanchez and Greg Hansen. Boy Scout Troupe 27 sponsored the regatta with their fleet of canoes and paddles for the regatta. The Scouts provided rescue teams lead by Dave Frydenlund, Asst. Scout Master. On the dock, Nancy Kelly led a group of scouts who helped folks into and out of the canoes! Finally, Save the Music owes an enormous dept of gratitude to the Redwood City Fire Station Engine 20, who provided the safety and starting boat.

Finally, a newcomer to Save the Music, Aquan Sports, provided the prizes for the regatta, a free kayak in the Save the Music Raffle as well as the donation of the entire proceeds from the kayak rentals! Over 100 people took kayaks out over the course of the day and the lagoon was a delight of color, enjoyment and recreation. Thank you so much to Aquan Sports, Ocean Kayak and Necky Kayak for helping to add to the recreation of the event and for supporting our music programs. Aquan's generosity and support of the community really showed through at the Save the Music Festival. All of their proceeds went to the Save the Music Festival. The Redwood Shores Rowing and

Paddling Club provides beginner kayak clinics and kayak trips for Aquan Sports, so please visit the store on Brittan Avenue across from REI to sign up for events and clinics!

Akira Tana and Friends and The Santana Tribute Band were among the 10 bands that played music from 10am until 5pm.

There were lots of booths and wonderful food. Toby Mc Millan, manager of Mistrals was there cooking Paella and serving Sangria to go with it. Toby is new to Mistrals from the Sacramento area. The restaurant also did the Friday night program for the Save the Music during the summer. They too, donated all their profits after costs to the cause.



Toby Mc Millan from Mistrals Restaurant

From those of us at Save the Music, we look forward to seeing you next year and thank you for your continued support of music in our schools!

By Gina Sanchez

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This is a recognition that belongs to everyone, and especially Pete Hughes. Every year, Pete leads our annual levee clean-up effort. RSCA's Annual Levee Clean-up brings groups of volunteers to help collect garbage and trash from our levees. Volunteers collect abandoned shopping carts, old tires, and trash dumped by those that do not have a lot of respect for our open space. Thank you Pete, our sponsors, and everyone for keeping Redwood Shores clean and having "the best open space in Redwood City."

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS DAY

Is your family ready for a disaster? With the record number of hurricanes in the gulf coast, and the ever-constant threat of a major earthquake, are you and your family prepared? In the event of a major earthquake, are you ready to be on your own for at least 72 hours before assistance arrives? The County of San Mateo is hosting a Disaster Preparedness Day on Saturday, November 12. Please find a way to take time to learn how to prepare your family for a major disaster, find out about the things that you should have in your home survival kit, and how to be ready to help your neighbors.

YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN RSCA

With the end of 2005 not far away, it is time again to ask for your continued support of the Redwood Shores Community Association. RSCA is your neighborhood association that is open to everyone living and working in Redwood Shores. Our mission is focused on advocacy, information and events where we can come together as neighbors. Some of our events over the past year have included community forums on lagoon bank construction guidelines, lagoon use, and city council candidates. Our annual events include the Easter Egg Hunt, Concerts in the Park, the Annual Levee Clean-up, the Halloween Parade, Santa Comes to the Shores and Light Up the Shores. Our membership fees have stayed the same for over 10 years. Your \$35 voluntary membership helps RSCA continue our efforts to let you know what is going on in the Shores. See membership application on page 9.

Thank you for your support!

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The City Clerk's Office of Redwood City is pleased to announce that it is now accepting passport applications on behalf of the United States Department of State. The City has been designated as an official Acceptance Agency for passport applications.

To best serve the community, the City Clerk's office will accept passport applications Monday through Friday, between the hours of noon and 4:00 pm. No appointment is necessary. U.S. citizens needing a passport for international travel may call 650-780-7588 or visit www.redwoodcity.org (click on "I want to..." and select "Submit Passport Application") for more information. The Clerk's office does not provide passport photos - these must be obtained from an appropriate passport photo vendor (call the Clerk's office or visit the website for a partial list of locations).

"Redwood City is proud to be designated by the United States Department of State as a passport Acceptance Agency" said Patricia Howe, City Clerk. "We're ready to provide our community with this new service here at City Hall."

For complete passport application information, prospective applicants are encouraged to visit www.travel.state.gov, which is the only official website for passport information. At this site are downloadable passport application forms, current requirements and applicable fees, travel warnings, consular information sheets, and a wealth of other international travel more.

The *Pilot* welcomes articles and letters of 300 to 400 words (or less) in length and pictures as well.

REDWOOD CITY BREAKS GROUND ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING

City officials literally kicked off the start of construction on the new Villa Montgomery affordable housing development at a special celebration on Thursday October 20th. The celebration took place on the site of the new project, at the corner of El Camino Real and Vera Avenue.

The Villa Montgomery housing development Kickoff and Groundbreaking Celebration was sponsored by Redwood City's Housing and Human Concerns Committee, which played a key role in bringing this much-needed affordable housing to the community.

Villa Montgomery is an exciting new rental housing development to be built by First Community Housing. It consists of 58 affordable rental units with rents ranging from \$350 per month for studios to \$1,400 per month for three-bedroom apartments. Recreational spaces for children and a separate area for adults, along with community space and other amenities, are provided. The property was acquired by the City and the Redevelopment Agency using Redevelopment, CDBG, and HOME Investment Partnership funds. The second phase will create eight self-help ownership units developed by Peninsula Habitat for Humanity. The contact for this project is Debbi Jones Thomas, Housing Coordinator at 650-780-7920.

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Would you participate in RSCA activities such as Board of Directors, Pilot newsletter, Easter Egg-Stravaganza, Music in the Park, Halloween Parade, Santa Comes to the Shores and Light Up the Shores? (Please circle or note other interests)

What political or environmental issues should RSCA address? (i.e., levee closure, traffic congestion, proposed development or note other issues)

Comments or Concerns: _____

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RSCA's annual Halloween Parade was held on Saturday, October 29th at 1:00 PM in Marlin Park. Executive Director Rosanne Foust and Treasurer Lynn Kathleen Adams, our co-chairs for the event, held their breaths as the first drops of rain fell on Friday evening. Saturday's early overcast skies gave way mid-morning to bright sunshine, as 160 eager children, dressed in their costumes, and their parents paraded around Marlin Park.



Volunteers handed out candy at each "pumpkin station" along the parade route, and many children had their pictures taken with our "Good Witch" at the end of the parade. Thanks to our volunteers, and to all of our Redwood Shores families who enjoyed the festivities.



A large vote of **THANKS** goes to RSCA Boardmembers Treasurer Lynn Adams and Executive Director Rosanne Foust for organizing this successful event.