

# THE PILOT



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**Santa Came  
To the  
Shores**



## **GRAND PRIZE WINNER 539 LANYARD**

### **THEY LIT UP THE SHORES**

The Shores was lit up in all its' glory this season. We had many houses to choose from and the decisions were very close.

There were twelve categories to choose from and these were the winners

- 1) The Grand Prize went to 539 Lanyard.
- 2) The best house facing the street-63 Waterside
- 3) The best house facing the water-270 Biarritz
- 4) The best townhouse facing the water-16 Admiralty Ct
- 5) The best townhouse facing the street-33 Admiralty
- 6) The best condo facing the street-612 Lanyard
- 7) The best condo facing the water-734 Davit Lane
- 8) Honorable mention-2017 Seabrook
- 9) Honorable mention-4 Eddystone
- 10) Honorable mention-2704 Hastings
- 11) Honorable mention-260 Monaco
- 12) Best street-Becket Ct.

The grand prize winner was given a plaque and a gift certificate from Nob Hill Market. The other winners were given plaques for their category and gift certificate from Starbucks (Pictures on page 28)



**Close to 100 children came with their parents to visit Santa on December 20th at Sandpiper Recreation Center. Their pictures were taken and the children were given candy canes by Santa's elves. Many thanks to Fully Alive Community Church for hosting the event with us, and of course to the Studio S Dancers who come and put on a great show for us every year. Last but not least, thanks to Boardmember Gina Sanchez for coordinating the event. More pictures on page 16, and take a peak on page 4 to see what was happening in 1973 at XMAS time in Redwood Shores**

**DON'T FORGOT THE RSCA ANNUAL BOARD MEETING ON FEBRUARY 11TH. SEE DETAILS ON PAGE 8.**

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The Board of Directors meets promptly at 7:30 P.M.,  
the third Thursday of each month.

Our next meeting is  
January 15th, 2004  
at Sandpiper Community Center

**DEADLINES DEADLINES!!!**

The deadline for the  
February 2004 Issue is the week of January 12th

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# THE BENEFITS OF JOINING RSCA

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

The end of 2003 has passed, and I am both pleased and proud how the Redwood Shores Community Association (RSCA) has been busy working towards the betterment of our community. It is time for your membership renewal in RSCA and I am writing to encourage you to do so. It will be the best investment of \$35 you will make.

In April of last year I was elected as the new President of RSCA and along with my fellow Executive Committee: John Adams, Jeff Gee, Rory Faber, Terry Anderlini, Lynn Adams and Pete Hughes, we have been working hard with our Board of Directors on issues that affect Redwood Shores.

We now have a voting presence on the GID 1-64 Committee, we are working towards developing a set of Lagoon Guidelines that protect and preserve our lagoon system, we have a new Traffic & Infrastructure Committee that sends monthly updates to the City of Redwood City regarding maintenance and other issues brought to us by individual homeowners regarding speeding, crosswalks, etc. We have a publication, The *Pilot* that keeps growing. We have a new website at <http://www.redwoodshoresca.org> where we post information, ask for input and have many links with other organizations that provide contacts for you on a variety of topics.

Last year, as in past years, we are pleased to have been able to offer events, free-of-charge to the community such as our

Easter Egg Hunt, Music in the Park, Halloween Parade and Santa Comes to the Shores. We also brought the community together for our Annual Levee Clean-up and held our "Light up the Shores" contest on December 19th. In addition we have formed a new events committee to focus on teen and senior events as well as establishing partnerships with other community groups.

One of our primary goals is to solicit community input on a wide range of issues facing us here in the Shores. This includes but is not limited to the following: GID funds and how they are used, lagoon usage, recycled water, and the proposed library. We want to here from all residents, representing all sides of each issue. A community is made stronger through information. RSCA's goal is to get you that information so that when the decision-making time comes you can make a thoughtful and informed decision.

I strongly encourage you to get involved in RSCA. Come to our meetings, held the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Sandpiper Community Center starting at 7:30 pm. Sign up to help us at events. Talk to your community group and see how we could partner. Email or write us your thoughts, suggestions, ideas. Help us to continue making Redwood Shores a great place to live. Thank you for using the APPLICATION below to send in your check for \$35. It is much appreciated.

*Sincerely, Rosanne Foust*

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## Redwood Shores Community Association Our 35th Year!

Application for Membership 2004  
Annual Dues - \$35.00

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What is important to you to get from your RSCA community association?  
\_\_\_\_\_

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)  
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## WHAT ABOUT 31 YEARS AGO IN REDWOOD SHORES

Looking to the New Year I expect we will see quite a few changes in the Redwood Shores area before January 1st rolls around again. Mobil Oil Estates' limited option with the Bank of America and the Bank of Tokyo has been extended until the 31st of January, in order that Mobil may complete certain arrangements they consider necessary to ensure success of the project. The development of the Regional Shopping Center on the Redwood Peninsula, an important key to the financial well-being of the District, has come under some fire lately. It has been publicly-suggested that the proposed Shopping Center conflicts with San Carlos Airport. I find this statement is non-supportive—the location of the Shopping Center was prepared by Mobil after consultation' with the County and will provide adequate safeguards for the airport and still ensure good access for the proposed Shopping Center I anticipate that final commitment by Mobil will be made by the last week of January. 'Independent of the action Mobil takes, the City has recently undertaken financial review of the Redwood Shores Project. The Status Report and Evaluation Guidelines Operation—Structure of the Redwood Shores Project from 1966-1972 prepared by the firm of William Kuebelbeck and Associates has been delivered to the City Council and referred to staff for review. The 94-page document recounts and analyzes the history of the Redwood Shores Project, its financing and recommends criteria by which the City might judge new development of the project. In addition, specific recommendations with respect to collecting the outstanding debt We the District from Leslie Properties were presented as well as an analysis of the project on a cost-benefit basis. The City Council has approved the expenditure of funds for the next phase of the study: 1) a review and analysis of the Land for People proposal (low-moderate income housing for Shores); 2) review and analysis of Mobil Estates proposal for development of Redwood Shores and 3) review and analysis of Mobil Estates Shopping Center Proposal; sixty days will be required to complete this phase of the study.

The installation of the Belpipe for improved circulation of the waterway system has received final approval from the Army Corp of Engineers; specification and plans for the project plus request for transfer of funds will be coming before the City Council this month.

I have received several inquiries as to how revenue sharing monies can be spent by the City. The funds received by local governments may be used only for priority expenditures: 1 public safety (including law enforcement, fire protection and building code enforcement), 2 environmental protection (including sewage disposal, sanitation, and pollution abatement 3 public transportation (including transit system) and streets and road,s 4 health, 5 recreation, 6 libraries, 7 social services for the poor or aged, 8 financial administration, and 9 ordinary and necessary capital expenditures authorized by law. On December 8, 1972, Redwood City received \$225,819 payment for six months-January through June 1972.

*By Bob Norris, City Councilman*



With the help of the Redwood Shores Homeowners Association, Santa Claus visited the Shores Sunday, December 17th. Mr. Clay Shank and Mr. Richard Luyk led the way. Candy canes were given out to the kids—over 400 in all. The helpers for Santa Claus at the Shores included Ron MacQuarrie, Rich Caralla, Guy Smith, Bill Pound, Ralph and Betty Brennan, Curtis Shank, Laura and Brian Pound, and Marjorie MacQuarrie. We wish to thank these persons for their fine effort and successful activity they provided for the community.

P.S. Shortly after he arrived home after his Santa Claus activity, Richard Luyk had to rush his wife to the hospital. At 10:40 P.M. the same evening, they became parents of a fine little girl, Holly Carole, as she was later named. The Shores community thank and congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Luyk, 612 Teredo Drive.

*By Den Muzzuco*

**Three Redwood Shores families were pleasantly surprised this year when, several days before Christmas, they learned they had become the winners and recipients of the RSHA third annual "Best Decorated Christmas Home Award."**



1st place winner- Mr & Mrs Arthur Warren of 361 Quay

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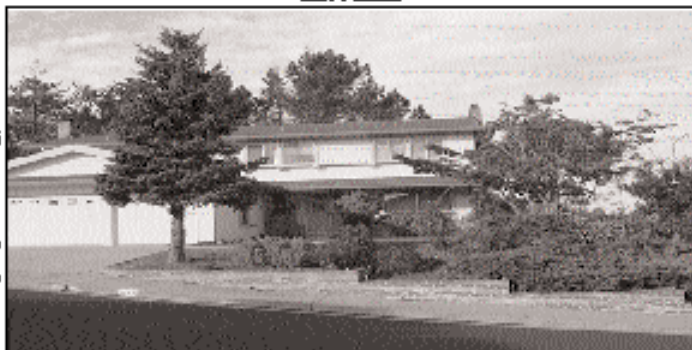
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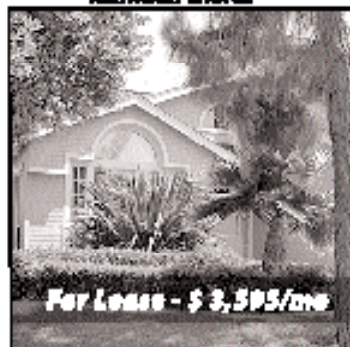


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# ANNUAL MEETING

Don't miss it! Hear about the new bike path from Redwood Shores Parkway to Whipple Ave., learn about the opening of the outer levees, meet the Mayor and the City Manager, the latest on the Marine World overpass, when will our new library be built. All of this and more at the Annual Meeting of the Redwood Shores Community Association. Don't miss it! The big event will be held at 7:15 pm on Wednesday, February 11th at Sandpiper Community Center.



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Hi Carol,

Here is my concern/article, thanks. I do not want to "slam" the writer so if you see changes that could be respectful of this please let me know and I will make them.

In response to the recent article suggesting a reduction of our beautiful geese population in Redwood Shores I would like to express my sadness in reading this suggestion.

As a Redwood Shores resident of more than a decade, I have enjoyed living and sharing the planet and beautiful Redwood Shores with these beautiful birds. When babies were just appearing I even had to stop my nightly stroll to hold and gently stroke a baby that was run over by a speeding driver on the parkway going home in the evening. The baby died in my hands, I did not want the bird to die in such a cruel manner, and fortunately some of the drivers stopped and were saddened by this event as much as I was.

These birds makeup part of the true beauty of our town and with all the space and so few birds I think there is more than enough space for us to co-mingle and share the acres we have here with these peaceful birds.

I will be leaving Redwood Shores again to move out of state but will return from time to time in large part to view these animals in their daily journeys. Please lets make sure they can live by our side and are not "reduced". God made them for us to view and respect just as people should be respected and appreciated.

*J Armitage - Now an Arizona Resident*

# Belmont-Redwood Shores Magnet School Task Force

The Belmont-Redwood Shores School District is exploring the feasibility of creating a District-wide Magnet School at one of the elementary schools. Magnet Schools are schools that adhere to all the District Content Standards, while focusing on a distinct curriculum (i.e. Science, Technology, Visual and Performing Arts...). A magnet school is open to students throughout the District rather than being limited to the school's attendance zone. Student enrollment is based on interest and or talent in the particular focus area.

The first meeting took place on December 4th, 2003.

Future Meetings are scheduled for:

- Thursday, January 15, 2004  
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a. m.  
Belmont-Redwood Shores School District Office
- Monday, January 26, 2004  
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Nesbit School
- Saturday, February 28, 2004  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Fox School



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In the last issue of *The Pilot*, I described our work to develop our Core Purpose and set of Core Values for City employees. Just to remind you, these are the guiding principles for how we do business, how we work with customers and each other, and how we all put effort toward a common purpose. Our Core Purpose is, "Build a Great Community Together." The Core Values that we developed are:

- Excellence*: Passion to do our best in each moment;
- Integrity*: do the right thing, not the easy thing;
- Service*: we care and it makes a difference;
- Creativity*: freedom to imagine and courage to act.

I would like to occasionally share with readers of *The Pilot* a true story about employees and members of our community that exemplify one or more of our core values. This month, the story illustrates our core value of Service.

An employee at Redwood City's Schaberg Library was getting ready to open for business one morning when she heard a soft knocking at the back door. When she opened the door, standing there was a little girl, crying. The girl told the employee that her mother had dropped her off at Roosevelt School next door, forgetting there was actually no school that day.

The little girl did not know her mother's cell phone number, but mentioned that her mom's dentist must know the number because the dentist's office had called her on that phone. The employee opened the library to this little girl, gave her some books to read and had her wait while she proceeded to contact the dentist. The employee spoke with the dentist's office, and that office called the mother who then came to pick up the girl. When the mother arrived, the little girl was happily reading children's books and had been introduced to our homework center and some of the other employees.

A situation that could easily have turned out disastrous instead became a really wonderful event because of employees who care - and it makes a difference. This is a great example of an employee really taking to heart the concept of "service."

If you encounter a member of the community or a City employee who exhibits one of our Core Values, please let me know via email at [mail@redwoodcity.org](mailto:mail@redwoodcity.org) and I'll share your story in a future issue.

*Contributed from City Manager, Ed Everett*

# FROM THE MINUTES.....

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, December 18, 2003 -  
7:30 pm to 9:30 pm  
Sandpiper Community Center



### AGENDA

#### A.Call to Order

Rosanne Foust

**B.Member Comments** - Open Forum for Comments from  
RSCA Members

#### C.President's Report

Rosanne Foust  
Exec Comm Mtg. 12/16/03

#### D.Correspondence

**E.Approval of Minutes** 11/20/2003 Jeff Gee for Rory Faber

#### F.Treasurer's Report

Jeff Gee

—Nov. 2003 Operating Statement  
—Pilot P & L 2003  
—Proposed 2004 Annual Budget

#### G.Committee Reports

—Traffic and Infrastructure Pete Hughes  
—The Pilot John Adams/Carol Mertens

#### Events

Rosanne Foust

\*\* Santa Comes to the Shores 12/20th  
11-1 PM at Sandpiper  
\*\* Light Up the Shores Pete Hughes/Gina Sanchez

#### H.New Business

—January Board meeting/Planning Session  
Rosanne Foust  
—Membership Solicitation 1st letter John Adams

#### I.Old Business

—Reconvene Lagoon Committee Lagoon  
Rosanne Foust  
—Nominating Committee Update  
Lynn Adams  
—Annual Meeting Coordination (2/19/03)  
Pete Hughes  
—Annual Dinner at Mistral (Need date)  
Rosanne Foust

#### J.Adjournment

Rosanne Foust

## WORK BEGINS ON UNDERGROUND GARAGE IN RWC

### NEW WEBCAM PROVIDES ONLINE VIEW OF WORK

Excavation and other construction work for the downtown underground two-level public parking garage is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, December 17, a construction milestone event in what will ultimately become the new retail-cinema project. The Redwood City Redevelopment Agency, jointly with developer BHV Innisfree Ventures I, LLC, are planning a major retail-cinema complex above the parking garage that will greatly contribute to the renaissance of downtown Redwood City.

The excavation starting tomorrow consists of digging approximately 30 feet deep and removing an estimated 90,000 cubic yards of earth—enough dirt to cover the football field at Sequoia High School to a depth of 45 feet! The “dewatering” process involves installing 32 wells around the site and pumping down the ground water to allow for excavation. The site must also be “shored,” a procedure entailing driving steel beams approximately 45 feet deep spaced every eight feet, and installing wood between the steel beams.

This work is expected to last until the beginning of March depending on weather, and the excavation will consist of hauling out at least 120 truckloads of dirt per day. The dirt will be hauled to the end of Seaport Boulevard where it will be used to help firm and settle existing soil at the site of a proposed marina development.

The City will have inspectors on site to help minimize traffic disruption and assure a smooth flow of trucks. The contractors on the project are required to take all reasonable measures to minimize dirt on the roadways, including watering and sweeping. It's expected that the trucks will travel from the site up Middlefield Road, then east on Woodside Road to Seaport Boulevard. Pedestrians, bicyclist and motorists are urged to use caution around the construction site during this activity.

Anyone with Internet access can view the ongoing work via the City's new construction project webcam, by visiting [www.redwoodcity.org/webcam](http://www.redwoodcity.org/webcam). This webcam will remain active for the duration of the entire project, from the garage excavation through completion of the retail-cinema project.