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BELMONT-REDWOOD SHORES SCHOOL DISTRICT

I am pleased to report that the first New Shores School Advisory Committee meeting was held on March 29th, 2006. At this meeting, the Committee agreed that their charge was:

- 1.Site selection recommendation
- 2.Recommendation of architect/design team
- 3.Recommendation of design elements of the new school



To review, the Committee consists of ten (10) voting members that must live within the School Facilities Improvement District (SFID). The committee had 100% agreement on the site visitation teams; that seven (7) members equaled a quorum; that three (3) absences would be allowed during the first ten (10) meetings; that a consensus was equal to 80% of the members present; they also agreed not to allow a minority report, and they agreed to differ, but support, the report issued to the Board and community.

The Committee facilitator, Dr. Cecil Reeves, recommended that Board members not be present during the committee meetings. Dr. Reeves said that the perception of the Board members' attendance could be that they could steer the committee in one direction over another. Dr. Reeves said that because district staff members would be attending the meetings, it would be staff's responsibility to provide information to the Board.

Board members, Mr. Bill Davidovich and Mrs. Jeni Benelli, who attended the first committee meeting, both agreed that Dr. Reeves was well-respected, knowledgeable, and understand Dr. Reeves recommendation that Board Members not attend Committee meetings regularly. The School Board agreed that it was in the Boards' best interest not to be perceived as influencing the Committee. The Board asked staff to report the thought-process of the Committee to the Board at each regularly scheduled Board meeting.

The April 27th meeting of the New Shores School Advisory Committee was held in Conference Rooms A & B in the San Mateo County Office of Education located at 101 Twin Dolphin Drive in Redwood City. Agenda items include initial reviews of possible school sites and a presentation by Redwood Shores developer, Mr. Max Keech. The meeting began at 6:30 p.m. and was open to the public. Last month I reported the District's hiring of a new Chief Business Official. Unfortunately, Ms. Laurie Harden decided not to accept the contract offer and withdrew her commitment to the District. The District is conducting a new nationwide Chief Business Official search with the hope of having a new CBO on board by August 1, 2006.

Contributed by John Mc Intosh School Board Superintendent

NEW SCHOOL SITE SELECTION

The first meeting of the New Shores School Advisory Committee was held on March 29th at Sandpiper school and was attended by all ten members of the newly-minted Shores citizens advisory committee. In addition, district staff including the superintendent and assistant superintendent, two members of the Belmont-RWS Board of Trustees, two school principals, and a school siting consultant hired by the district were in attendance. The first order of business for the Advisory Committee will be to recommend acceptable new school sites to the Belmont-RWS Board of Trustees.

The superintendent provided each committee member with a binder that listed 40 plus available properties in the Shores that met the minimum acreage of 2 1/2 acres for the new school location (approximately 25 of these 40 sites are actually above water). From this list of potential sites, the school district recommended a short list of five which they called their "best option" sites: two of these sites are next to the Belmont Sports Complex in the city of Belmont, Mariner Park, a lot behind PAC/Nob Hill, and a lot behind the fire station. Following this presentation, a consultant hired by the district further reduced these five sites down to his recommended three: the two sites next to the Belmont Sports Complex and Mariner Park.

Interestingly at this point in the meeting, the Advisory Committee stated they wished to personally visit and review each of the 25 sites as this was the committee's charge, and that their review is not going to be limited to the five "best option" sites suggested by the district. Thus at their next meeting (scheduled for April 27th), the committee members will return with their own assessments as to which of the 25 sites would be best for a new Shores school.

Also, the superintendent has recently received a proposal from Mr. Max Keech, a developer in the Shores, regarding his desire to offer the district land in area H for a school site. It is anticipated that a general presentation about this proposal will be provided to the Advisory Committee at their April 27th meeting.

Written by Vivian Crisman





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By Andrea Burfield

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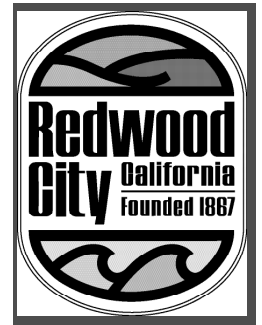
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Camp Watchamacalit is for kid's ages 6-11 years old and provides a full day of child care for parents. Activities include: a weekly field trip, special events, sports, movies, arts, crafts and swimming at Herkner Pool in Redwood City once a week! Camp runs from 9:00am-4:00pm with Pre & Post Care options available from 8:00-9:00am and 4:00-6:00pm.

We also have our well established Teen Adventure Weeks traveling camp which does a pick up and drop off at Sandpiper Community Center daily for participants who have completed 6th through 10th grades. If teens want to get a jump start on work experience, check out our Leadership in Training or Junior Lifeguard programs. Teens receive valuable training and learn what the responsibility of having a job is like. Lastly, our new Junior Firefighter Camp will be returning. This camp is run by the Redwood City Fire Department and fills up about as quickly as it takes to start a fire! Sign-ups for the Fire Camp begin when the Summer Activity Guide becomes available.

Look for the Summer Activity Guide in your mailbox the week of May 10th, and don't forget to check out our vast array of sports, specialty camps and swim lessons! We could only highlight a select few! Registration began in March and some camps are filling up. Visit us online at www.redwood-city.org for online registration or current updates on what is happening in your area and greater Redwood City.

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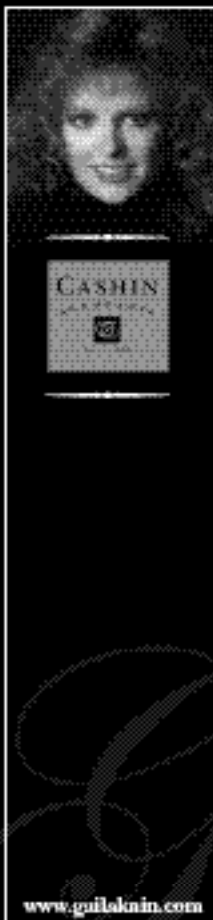
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Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service. There are many stories as to its actual beginnings, with over two dozen cities and towns laying claim to being the birthplace of Memorial Day. There is also evidence that organized women's groups in the South were decorating graves before the end of the Civil War: a hymn published in 1867, "Kneel Where Our Loves are Sleeping" by Nella L. Sweet carried the dedication "To The Ladies of the South who are Decorating the Graves of the Confederate Dead" (Source: Duke University's Historic American Sheet Music, 1850-1920). While Waterloo N.Y. was officially declared the birthplace of Memorial Day by President Lyndon Johnson in May 1966, it's difficult to prove conclusively the origins of the day. It is more likely that it had many separate beginnings; each of those towns and every planned or spontaneous gathering of people to honor the war dead in the 1860's tapped into the general human need to honor our dead, each contributed honorably to the growing movement that culminated in Gen Logan giving his official proclamation in 1868. It is not important who was the very first, what is important is that Memorial Day was established. Memorial Day is not about division. It is about reconciliation; it is about coming together to honor those who gave their all.

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GID 1-64 MANAGEMENT REPORT

RSCA has one seat on this management committee out of six seats. One seat is currently not filled. The committee recommends to the City Council how the remaining general improvement district funds should be spent. Currently there is about one million dollars left out of about \$60 million.

An attorney consultant was present who discussed the ramping down process to the contractual end to GID 1-64 on September 30, 2006. The date can be extended by mutual agreement of all the parties. If there is still money left over after the closing of the GID the city can administer the end use of these funds as long as the use has been specified. It is too late for funds to be used to pay down the bonds.

Max Keech announced he has bought area H and with it has assumed control of the contractor end of the GID development agreement which gives him three votes and leaves the city with two and RSCA with one. Max is going to discuss disbursement of his votes to others with his attorney.

The city finance director Brian Ponte reviewed the bond situation and announced both the reclamation bonds and the facility bonds are almost at the end of collection from property taxes.

What this means on a \$950,000 house is that next year taxes will be \$135 less and the following year that house property taxes will be about \$400 less.

There was a discussion of what to do with the remaining funds. Chu Chang passed out estimates for a wish list which had been prepared by myself, Max and Mary Parden of RSOA. Items ranged from drinking fountains at a cost of a few thousand to a light rail system costing upwards of \$40 million. The consensus was to take a survey of some kind of The Shores after the library and school are far enough along to see if they need more money

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 21 at 10 a.m. *Pete Hughes*

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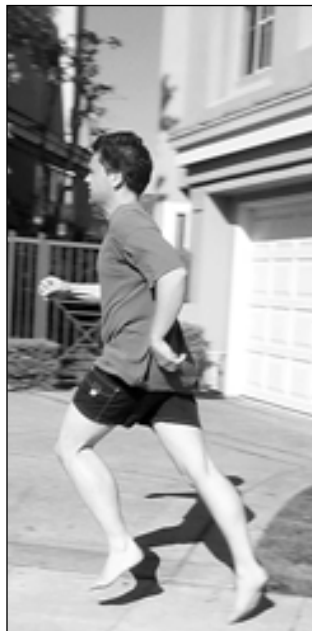
THE BAREFOOT RUNNER *By Amy Newman*

Why do you run barefoot?

I just enjoy it. Many other barefoot runners run for health reasons; usually they've injured their back, legs, or knees while running in shoes (plantar fasciitis, etc). They find that barefoot running prevents and can help heal those problems.

When did you start running barefoot?

When I was a teenager, around Cupertino. I liked running before that, and ran in shoes like everyone else, but I looked forward to the moment when I could remove my shoes. It felt so good to take off the hot, stiff shoes! Then one day, I thought that I'd skip the shoe stage and my feet would always be comfortable. Now I wear shoes only when it's cold or over rocky terrain.



Brent Noorda

different style of running. With shoes, especially running shoes, running with an outstretched leg, heel pounding is the way many people run. Correct barefoot running relies on the whole foot acting as a spring, especially the front of the foot/ball, which makes for a much softer landing. The only time I've been injured while running was when I was wearing shoes.

Can you tell me what happened?

In Massachusetts (where it was cold) I was running and I had to wear shoes. I ended up spraining both of my ankles in the course of a month, and my legs swelled up like elephant's.

Do you worry about glass and other hazards?

A little bit, but the sidewalks in Redwood Shores are so well maintained that it's not much of a worry for me. Redwood Shores is a fantastic place for running barefoot!

Any pieces of advice for a novice barefoot runner?

Start out slowly and remember that it's a different way of running. It may take a few days to figure out what feels natural to you.

Also, I'd like to encourage the people of Redwood Shores to come up with some new jokes for me! I often hear, "Hey, you forgot your shoes" but I'm ready for some new material!

Do you think it's better for people to run barefoot?

I think it depends on the way you run - barefoot running is



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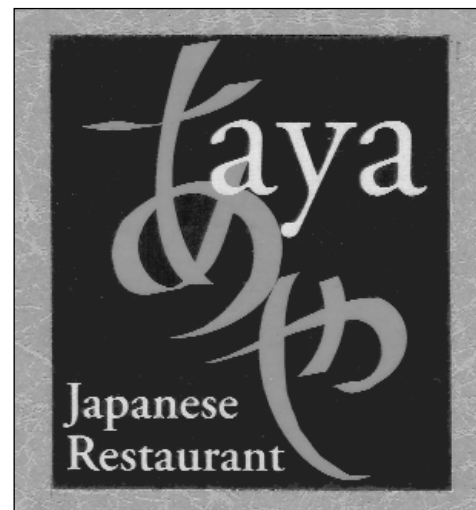
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One of the most comprehensive companies in the area is Ohmega salvage (ohmeegasalvage.com) located in Berkeley. It is comprised of a lighting store and two salvage yards along San Pablo Ave. Once you browse their website you’ll discover that they carry everything for the post World War II house and some selected items with an even older provenance. Since they are located in Berkeley, they naturally have a large supply of items suitable for Craftsmen style homes. Here you will find:

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- * Corbels and brackets for interesting wall displays
- * Old black and white photographs

- * Slabs of marble that can be cut for counters and tabletops
- * Large urns and garden containers
- * Door knobs and hinges

It’s just like exploring Granny’s attic!

Whole House Building Supply in Palo Alto completely dismantles homes that are being renovated or demolished on the peninsula. You can buy recycled dry wall, doors, windows and plumbing fixtures here. Look on their website (driftwoods salvage.com) for details on house auctions where you can purchase entire rooms and all the plants in a yard that is being re-landscaped.

Several salvage yards also stock columns, resawn timber, beams and hardwood flooring. Building Resources (buildingresources.org) in San Francisco is a source for garden art, lumber, bricks and tiles. They sell tumbled glass chips and terra cotta pieces that make distinctive ground cover in a xeriscape garden.

After twenty minutes of poking around at one of these yards you will probably be inspired to start at least one project using one of your “finds”. Our “find” was a 4’ square sheet of steel that had cut out words and symbols. It was scrap from a sign maker.

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AT A SALVAGE YARD -
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Bright sunny days may inspire you to do your spring cleaning and divest your house of some of its clutter. Take another look at an item before you toss it. We live in an area of incredible wealth as well as incredible waste. Can you re-use the item in another way? If not then recycle it through one of these salvage yards or an organization listed on the Recycleworks.org website. If you are remodeling, consider calling one of these salvage yards before you begin the demolition. Your trash may be someone's treasure!

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