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## Fourth of July Fireworks, Free Concert Scheduled for Port Waterfront

### *Parade, Other Events Scheduled for Downtown Redwood City on July 4th*

The Port of Redwood City again will be the site of this year's 4th of July fireworks display.

The fireworks spectacular, presented by the Peninsula Celebration Association, can be seen from downtown Redwood City and anywhere west of Highway 101 where there is a clear view of the skies above the Port, starting at about 9:30 p.m. They can also be seen from high points all over the Peninsula.

For those who want to come to the Port for the fireworks, we would like to make you aware of the following:

- Parking and vehicle traffic will be limited due to expected crowds. Be here early and plan to stay until after the display. Access to Seaport Court will be closed to traffic when parking capacity has been reached.
- Seaport Boulevard will be closed at Blomquist Street by the Police Department as needed to control the flow of vehicles trying to enter the Port area. Chesapeake Boulevard will also be closed.
- The deepwater turning basin will be closed to boat traffic between the hours of 9 p.m. and 10 p.m. to allow the barge with the fireworks display to operate safely within the channel. Please do not attempt to exit or enter the Marina with your boat between these hours.
- The blue Public Fishing Pier will be closed at 6:30 PM.
- The Public Boat Launch Ramp and parking lot will remain open; however, spectators will not be permitted on the launch ramp dock during the fireworks show.



For more information, please visit the Peninsula Celebration Association website at [www.parade.org](http://www.parade.org)

The PCA's 70th annual downtown Independence Day Parade, "Seventy Years of Pageantry," begins at 10 a.m. and the last unit will cross the finish line at about 12:30 p.m. The parade starts at Brewster and Winslow and loops around downtown Redwood City. It travels on parts of these streets: Brewster, Veterans, Main, Marshall and Arguello.

A holiday festival from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. downtown will feature:

■ **Arts & Crafts Booths:** There is a wide variety of items, all hand-crafted by local artists that are available for purchase. Items include paintings, fine jewelry, pottery, clothing, flower arrangements, woodcrafts, sculpture, toys and more.

■ **Kids Area:** The Kids Area is a safe and sane haven for parents and children of all ages, featuring a jump house, rock climbing wall, face painting, and Euro bungee jump for teens. Appearing on the Children's Stage on Bradford Street at various time throughout the day will be Phil Ackerly the Magician and Dr. Solar's Medicine Show.

■ **The 9th annual Battle of the Bands:** Located in San Mateo Credit Union parking lot at 1:30 p.m., features the UC Davis Marching Band and Leland Stanford Junior University Marching Band.

■ **Entertainment Stage** Located at County Center is the entertainment stage, this area includes tables and chairs. The Danny Hanson Band will perform from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The Marshall Law Band will perform from 2 to 5 p.m.

■ **Information Booths:** Located on Middlefield Road between Bradford Street and Veterans Boulevard.

■ **Sponsor Booths:** Many of our sponsors will have booths at the festival. Learn more about these companies and how they support the community.

The PCA held their first celebration in 1939 when a local car dealer, butcher and real estate agent (Ole Oleson, Walt Maloney and Charles Holt, respectively), came together to create a nonprofit, all-volunteer event that allowed local families to celebrate the Fourth of July close to home. Originally, the Fourth of July included a parade and carnival, and later added a rodeo.



*Sam Marshall of Marshall Law Band*

## Free Concert Features Livewire

Preceding the fireworks will be a free concert at the Port of Redwood City Marina outdoor stage from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., featuring Livewire, a high-energy six-piece dance cover band based in the San Francisco Bay Area. The group features four vocalists, including two female and two male singers. Showcasing an eclectic mix of the best danceable songs from the 1970s through current dance hits, the band covers a wide range of dance music, from The Jackson 5 to Maroon 5, The Black Eyed Peas to Blondie, and Journey to Kelly Clarkson.



With more than 15 years of performance experience in the music industry, the band members have played top Bay Area venues such as Slim's, the Paradise Lounge, and the Fox Theatre. Performing for companies such as Apple and Disney, these professionals have completed national tours, opened for top artists, and personally worked with multi-platinum Grammy Award-winning recording artists.

# Volunteers, Businesses Combine to Remove Abandoned Vessels

Under the auspices of a voluntary group called Aqua Terra II and the help of several Port businesses, 11 abandoned vessels have been removed from Steinberger Creek and Westpoint Slough.

“This entire operation was accomplished at no cost to the City or the Port through the cooperation of the Granite Rock Company, the members of the Pride and Beautification Committee, especially Redwood City Code Enforcement Officer Farris Hix, and Gino Gasparini of Norcal Waste Systems of San Mateo County,” according to community activist Bob Hoffman. He has been instrumental in forming Aqua Terra I and II, programs that have raised funds and garnered volunteer help to remove abandoned and derelict vessels from Redwood City’s waterways.

Hoffman said that five vessels have been removed from Steinberger Creek (also formerly known as “Poop Lagoon”), including a 30-foot cabin cruiser, three 25 foot fiberglass sailboats, and a 50-foot metal barge.



From various locations, primarily Westpoint Slough, six vessels have been removed, including three floating sailboats and three smaller power boats. They were moved to Sims Metal at the Port for crushing and disposal.

“There are three more to go,” Hoffman said, “that are sunk in Westpoint Slough that will require professional help to remove. One is a 25-foot metal lifeboat, one a 30-foot tugboat with engine, and one a 40-foot fiberglass sailboat.” He estimated it would cost \$20,000 to remove and that Aqua Terra is seeking donations.



*Photos: Upper left corner a Granite Rock crane operator on the levee pulls the remains of derelict vessels from the water for disposal; upper right corner a sailboat sunk in Redwood Creek which was later crushed by SimsMetals and disposed of by Granite Rock; smaller photo above is a picture of a barge owned by Ferma Corporation temporarily anchored in the Creek to which several abandoned sailboats had been moored; photo to the left is an abandoned cabin cruiser.*

*All photos provided by Bob Hoffman*

## Ingram Named City Manager of Redwood City

Peter Ingram has been named city manager of Redwood City by a unanimous vote of the City Council, assuming a position that he had held interim since the retirement of Ed Everett in 2007.

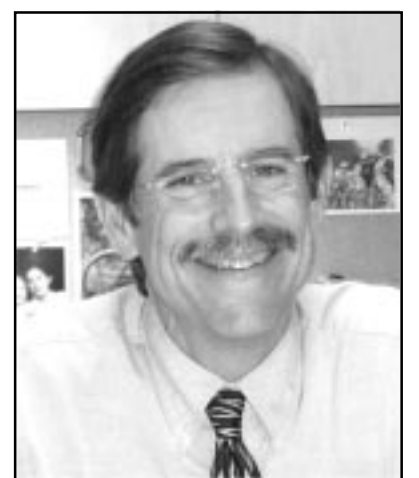
“We had some stellar candidates, but Peter is dedicated, he knows Redwood City, he’s just such a hard worker,” Mayor Rosanne Foust said. “He has a tremendous character and I think he’s really going to work extremely well with the council and lead us successfully into the future.”

His appointment became official June 9. He had been public works director for 14 years and community development director for 18 months.

Ingram takes over as the city aims to bring new development and more foot traffic to downtown, which has experienced some growing pains after several years of revitalization efforts, according to the City’s press release announcing the appointment.

The Downtown Precise Plan and a new general plan will provide a road map for bringing in smart development, Ingram said.

Redwood City is “one of the few in this neck of the woods that has the capacity to deliver more housing,” Ingram said. “But we’re going to have to do that in a way so that we really leverage the development that does happen to get things that are of community benefit. To me that is all about opportunity.”



## Commission OKs Wood Waste Recycling Facility

A new recycling venture has been approved by the Port Commission, a wood waste facility on three acres of the former Texaco petroleum terminal site on Seaport Boulevard.

Ferma Corporation/SRDC Recycling will operate the facility for about a year while planning and environmental studies are conducted on possible long-term uses of the nine-acre former liquid bulk terminal property.

The wood waste recycling operation will consist of a maximum of 50 trucks per day bringing wood waste to the site; the wastes are debris from building demolition and “green wood” from landscaping and tree removal. The waste wood is sorted and put through a shredder or chipper, stockpiled, and loaded onto trucks destined to a cogeneration electricity plant in Sacramento Valley.

Ferma will install 10-foot high corrugated metal fencing on a portion of the property that is nearest offices, and fabric wind screen on the Seaport Boulevard side of the property, as well as temporary lights

The recycler will also demolish the former Texaco office/warehouse building that was built in the late 1960s and once housed the Port’s administration office. The building has been closed for a number of years.

Port Executive Director Michael Giari said that environmental studies are underway for longer term uses of all, or part of the nine-acre site including a biodiesel production facility. Ferma has also expressed an interest in longer term lease of the site for wood waste recycling which would involve barging the woodchips to the Port of Sacramento and they will be examining the feasibility of this operation.

## City Council Appoints Lorianna Kastrop to Port Commission

Lorianna Kastrop has been named to the Redwood City Board of Port Commissioners, the second woman in history appointed to the position. She succeeds Lewis Miller, who served 15 years.

Kastrop is vice president and controller of The Kastrop Group, Inc. Architects, of which her husband, Michael, is principal architect.

She has long been active in Redwood City. She was a member of the Redwood City Elementary School Board from 1997 to 2001, during which she received a Master of Boardsmanship award from the California School Boards Association. She is a founding member and past president of the Redwood City Mothers Club.

She is a member and past president of the Peninsula Sunrise Rotary Club. She



Lewis Miller

has been active in the Redwood City-San Mateo County Redwood City Chamber of Commerce for several years, and in 2001 was named that organization's Athena Businesswoman of the Year. She is a member of Stanford Professional Women; she earned a B.A. in International Relations from Stanford University in 1982.

Other past and current activities include: Staff Commodore, South Beach Yacht Club in San Francisco; past member, Redwood City Housing and Human Concerns Committee; past president, California Council of Parent Participation Nursery Schools; member, Sequoia YMCA Board; Leadership Redwood City graduate; and, Redwood City Community Builders graduate.

Lorianna has more than 20 years of financial analysis experience

and also handles human resources and some marketing for The Kastrop Group, Inc. Architects.

In her application for the Port Commission, she said she sought appointment "because I have been interested in the port for a long time. I learned to sail here at Spinnaker Sailing over 20 years ago. I am

familiar with the businesses of the port and know several

of the tenants, as well as the port commissioners and some port employees. I believe that I have new ideas and a fresh perspective that I could apply to the position as a boater, a businesswoman, and an active community member."

Miller served three five-year terms on the

Commission after retiring as a professor at Canada College in Redwood City, where he taught engineering, physics, math, computers and astronomy for 18 years. Miller also taught engineering and computer science at Oxford University, England. Prior to that, he designed rockets for the U.S. Navy at China Lake and at the U.S. Naval Radiological Defense Laboratories, where he designed nuclear radiation detection equipment.

A native of San Francisco, he and his wife, Elizabeth, have lived in Redwood City since 1975. He earned his Doctorate in Materials Science from Stanford University.

The previous woman who served on the Port Commission was Marguerite Leipzig, in the early 1980s, after having served on the Redwood City Council, including two years as mayor.



Lorianna Kastrop

**She was appointed by the City Council, which names the five commissioners who govern the Port of Redwood City. She assumes the seat on June 11.**

## Commission Authorizes EIR for Proposed Biodiesel Production Facility

The first step toward a possible biodiesel production facility at the Port of Redwood City was taken in April when the Board of Port Commissioners issued a contract for an environmental impact report.

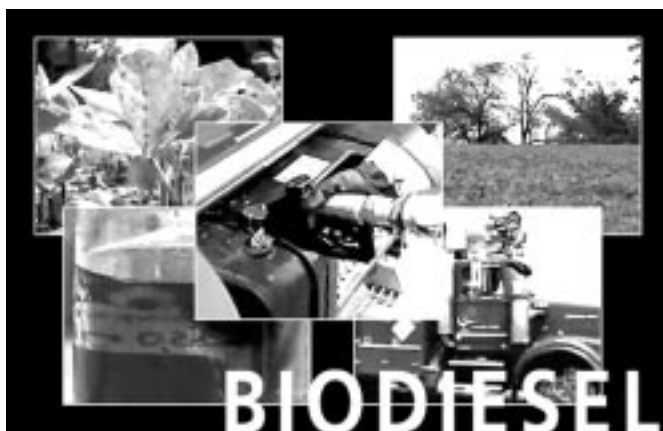
Renewable Energy Products, (REP), a wholly owned subsidiary of Energy Merchant Corp., is developing biodiesel production facilities at strategic locations throughout the United States with an initial emphasis on California. REP, having received all required permits, is under full construction of a 10 million gallon per year biodiesel production facility in Santa Fe Springs, CA. Production of biodiesel fuel at that location is scheduled to begin in a few weeks.

The Port will contract with the engineering and environmental consulting firm of TEC, Inc., Solana Beach, CA to perform the environmental review and other studies associated with the proposed biodiesel production facility to be located on a 4.4 acre site on which the Texaco liquid bulk terminal was previously situated. The studies will include evaluations of the impact of the biodiesel facility on air quality, traffic, and noise. REP, as the proponent for the project, will reimburse the Port for all necessary environmental studies.

"With a declining curve in global oil reserves and continued volatility and uncertainty in energy markets, domestic fuel prices likely will continue to rise well into the future," said William Duplissea, a former area state assemblyman whose Sacramento legislative firm Cline-Duplissea represents REP. "This rise will bring a continued and stronger movement for renewable fuels as well as a need for new innovative energy risk management programs specifically tailored to individual client's needs."

Port Executive Director Michael Giari said the proposed project will bring a new "green" industrial use to the Port, provided that it clears environmental and other approval hurdles in the upcoming months. A brief description of the scope of the project includes:

- The new facility will include processing equipment, new storage tanks and a building which will house a control room, office and laboratory. The facility will be planned to make use of an adjacent rail line, an existing marine wharf, and a newly constructed truck loading rack.
- REP will utilize approximately 2,000 square feet of land at the site to pour a reinforced concrete slab foundation on which to place the production equipment. New storage tanks with a capacity aggregating



approximately 60,000 barrels will be constructed. There still exist foundations from the former storage tanks which were on the property. REP will attempt to utilize these foundations for some of the tanks they will construct. The tanks may store any or all of the following: vegetable oils, animal fats, yellow grease, methanol, methylate, diesel fuel, crude glycerin, and biodiesel fuel. Most of these tanks will be insulated and heated.

■ REP will also construct a two bay bottom loading truck loading/offloading racks to be placed on a paved area with adequate turning

radius for tanker trucks. For transportation by ship and barge, REP will tie into the existing Wharf 5 at the Port via two pipelines one for feedstock and the other for biodiesel.

■ The final piece of construction will be a spur track off the rail line at the Port onto the parcel with storage for multiple rail cars which will discharge and load utilizing common infrastructure from the truck loading rack.

## More Federal Security Grant Funds Awarded Port

The Federal Department of Homeland Security recently announced the award of Round 8 Port Security Grant Program security funding, \$388 million nationwide of which the Port will receive approximately \$850,000. The majority of the funds are for installation of Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) card readers and related communications infrastructure. Portable road barriers are also included in the grant. The Port will contribute 25 percent of the cost of these projects.

TWIC is a vital security measure that will ensure individuals who pose a threat do not gain unescorted access to secure areas of the nation's maritime transportation system. TWICs are tamper-resistant biometric credentials that will be issued to workers by April 2009 who require unescorted access to secure areas of ports, vessels, outer continental shelf facilities and all credentialed merchant mariners. It is anticipated that more than 1 million workers including longshoremen, truckers, port employees and others will be required to obtain a TWIC.

The Port received a \$451,000 grant in February 2008 from the State of California to improve emergency operations center capability and provide port security/emergency response training and exercises.

## News & Happening Around the Port of Redwood City



### Highlights from Opening Day of Sailing Season at the Port

Redwood City Mayor Rosanne Foust welcomed visitors to the 70th annual South Bay Opening Day of the Sailing Season in April, an event that features a decorated boat parade and public viewing of the Coast Guard cutter *Hawksbill*, shown behind Mayor Foust and Coast Guard officials, and on the bottom right. The vessel in the center photo is the KainosHome and Training Center catamaran called *Seascapes* and the vessel in the upper right is a Sea Scout boat, on which the Scouts are saluting the public as they pass by.



### Port Sponsors Summer Concert Series at Stafford Park

The Port of Redwood City is among the primary sponsors of Redwood City's free summer concert series each Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Stafford Park, located at the corner of King and Hopkins streets. The remaining lineup:

■ July 2, **Zydeco Flames**: The Zydeco Flames have gained a reputation as the West Coast's premiere Zydeco band.

■ July 9, **The Refugees**: The Refugees are a group of seasoned musicians who love the music of Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers.

■ July 16, **Still Time**: Combining elements of classic rock, folk, jazz, and reggae, Still Time has enjoyed sharing their eclectic style on stage with numerous local bands.

■ July 23, **Busta Groove**: Busta-Groove is the hottest party band playing hits from the 70's, 80's, 90's and today.

■ July 30, **Mark Russo and the Classy Cats (pictured)**: The Classy Cats, under the leadership of saxophonist Mark Russo is a top group of professionals.

■ August 6, **Houston Jones**: Houston Jones is a California based High Octane Americana quintet that performs a strong original repertoire that ranges from bluegrass and folk to blues and gospel.

■ August 13, **The Groovekings**: As the name suggests, they are the accomplished masters of danceable, popular, groove-oriented party music.



### Arrivederci & Bella Reopens

Arrivederci & Bella, an Italian seafood restaurant and steakhouse, located at 487 Seaport Court within the Port of Redwood City, has reopened after being closed for five months due a major kitchen fire. New restaurant signs are at the intersection of Seaport Blvd. and Seaport Court. The restaurant affords fine dining and a view of the waterfront. Call 650-342-6174 for reservation.



### Sequoia Art Group Port Category Winners



Winners of the "Port of Redwood City Category" in the Sequoia Art Group's 2008 45th Annual Spring Art Show. Above: 1st place: Ed Bertolet's \$50 award for the painting "Resting Tug". 2nd place: Bruce Wyckoft's \$25 award for the photograph "RC Port I." (Photos by Lew Miller)



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