



## 4th of July Fireworks at the Port; Downtown Parade

Always a highlight for the entire Bay Area, Redwood City's fireworks begin July 4 at 9:30 p.m. from the Port of Redwood City, presented by the Peninsula Celebration Association.

They can be seen from downtown and anywhere west of Highway 101 where there is a clear view of the skies above the Port. They can also be seen from high points all over the Peninsula.



The Port is a maritime industrial area which is mostly private property with very limited public parking. The Port provides a public viewing area along the waterfront off of Seaport Court. Once all of the public parking spaces are filled, the Redwood City Police Department will close Seaport Boulevard to all vehicle traffic at the intersection of Seaport /Blomquist. Once the intersection has been closed, no vehicle access to the Port area will be granted. This traffic control restriction could occur as early as 7:30 p.m.

**There will be musical entertainment before the fireworks on July 4. A 10-member rock and roll band, the Silicon Valley Houserockers, will perform starting at 7:30 pm at the Port in the public access area on the waterfront.**

The Port's public boat launch ramp will remain open on July 4th. Viewing of the fireworks from watercraft is allowed

provided they remain anchored outside of the designated safety zone.

No spectators will be permitted on the launch ramp dock during the fireworks show.

Earlier in the day on July 4, the 71st annual Independence Day Parade and 23rd annual Independence Day Festival begin downtown, with the parade starting at 10 a.m.

The length of the parade is about 1.25 miles. The time it takes to march the route is 40 – 50 minutes. The first unit steps off at 10:00 a.m. and the last unit will cross the finish line 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.

Other activities downtown from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. include:

- Arts & Crafts Booths
- Battle of the Bands
- Food and Beverages
- Kids Area
- Information Booths
- Sponsor Booths



*The 10-member Silicon Valley Houserockers from Los Gatos*

For more information, visit [www.parade.org](http://www.parade.org)

## Port Receives \$4 Million in Stimulus Funding

The Port of Redwood City will receive \$4 million for dredging of its water channel from stimulus funds under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

The ARRA appropriated \$4.6 billion to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for its Civil Works program. The ARRA is an unprecedented effort to jumpstart the U.S. economy, create or save millions of jobs, and put a down payment on addressing long-neglected challenges.

Port Chairman Dick Dodge said, "The Port is very pleased that the US Army Corps of Engineers has selected maintenance dredging of the Port's channel as a project for economic stimulus funding. This project will restore the channel to its fully authorized depth of 30 feet at zero tide and will enable the Port's shippers to save transportation costs and increase tonnage and jobs at the Port."

Port Executive Director Michael Giari added, "This maintenance dredging project has gone through environmental review and preliminary engineering and should be ready to go to contract soon. We expect the maintenance dredging project to be completed by early 2010 which will hopefully coincide with increased shipping of construction materials through the Port brought about by projects being built with economic stimulus funding elsewhere on the Peninsula."

## Rail Improvements Planned for Port Area

Union Pacific (UP) Railroad Company is planning a \$2 million track improvement project for the main rail spur from Highway 101 parallel to Seaport Boulevard and the Frontage Road in the Port and industrial area, ending at the entrance to the Cemex Cement Terminal.

UP offered to partner with the Port for the improvements to eight crossings and provide the labor at no charge to the Port with the provision that the Port reimburse UP for the cost of materials for concrete panel crossings.

The Port Commission authorized payment of \$266,408 for the cost of materials for the eight road crossings described in a master agreement between UP and the Port that the Commission also approved.



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## National Senior Games Triathlon Scheduled for August 2 at Port

The National Senior Games triathlon will be held at the Port of Redwood City Sunday, Aug. 2. The 400 meter swim of the triathlon will take place in a sheltered cove at the Port marina. Both cycling and running will be held on fast, flat courses through adjacent maritime areas and office parks.

Scheduled for August 1-15 at Stanford University and nearby venues, the biennial event will deliver medal competition in 18 sports, plus tournaments and contests in seven demonstration sports. These include tennis, swimming, track and field, basketball, table tennis, and volleyball.

More information is available at [www.2009seniorgames.org](http://www.2009seniorgames.org)

The National Senior Games Association (NSGA) is a non-profit member of the United States Olympic Committee dedicated to motivating senior men and women to lead a healthy lifestyle through the senior games movement. Participants are 50 and older. More than 10,000 are expected to compete in the 18 events and seven demonstration sports.



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## Port Wharves Project Ranked for Stimulus Funding Consideration

The Bay Area Council Economic Institute has released the Bay Area Economic Recovery Workplan, which coordinates the region's response to federal stimulus funding opportunities. The Workplan, requested in late February 2009 by California Business, Transportation and Housing Agency (BT&H) Secretary Dale E. Bonner, is one of 12 plans being prepared for the Agency by California regions to help align state and regional economic priorities and help maximize the impact of economic development funds coming to the regions.

The Bay Area is positioning itself to maximize its share of California's more than \$31 billion in direct federal stimulus funds and an additional \$20 billion of federal stimulus funds potentially available to California that will be competed for in Washington.

The Port of Redwood City's modernization of Wharves 1 & 2 are among the projects the Workplan highlights as being ready for implementation in 2009 or 2010, and worthy of funding because of its significance to the region's economy. Rebuilding and improving the 60-year old waterfront facility at the Port will increase the capacity and efficiency of shipping construction materials needed in the mid-Peninsula/Silicon Valley region, as well as other maritime shipping business.

This Workplan supports the economic priorities of the San Francisco Bay Area to advance near-term economic recovery and long-term economic growth in a strategic and cost-effective manner.

Marine transportation of construction materials is the most fuel efficient and environmentally sustainable ways to supply the construction industry. The Port of Redwood City Wharves 1&2 project will increase the supply of construction materials needed to support an increase of jobs in the construction industry.

The Port Commission has authorized the preparation of an environmental impact report for the modernization and reconstruction of Wharves 1 and 2 and Warehouse 1.

The project site consists of two adjacent sub-areas –the existing Wharves 1 and 2 site and the areas to the east of the wharves that contain the upland Cemex aggregate handling operations and Warehouse 1.

The wharves comprise approximately 74,600 square feet (approximately 1.7 acres) of space and contain a 520-foot long by 128-foot wide wood deck with three access ramps/trestles connecting the wharf to the shore. A fixed-location hopper and conveyor system is connected to the wharf near the northeast access ramp.

The main objective of the proposed project is to reconstruct and modernize Wharves 1 and 2 and the upland areas that support these wharves so that the Port can better serve its existing and projected customer base while remaining flexible enough to respond to changing market conditions.

## Port-sponsored Free Wednesday Night Concerts in the Park

The Port of Redwood City-sponsored "MUSIC IN THE PARK" – free live music in a beautiful park setting at Stafford Park on the corner of King Street and Hopkins Avenue, Wednesday evenings from 6 to 8 pm. – is underway.

The schedule:

July 1 – **Double Funk Crunch**

July 8 – **Zydeco Flames**

July 15 – **Pure Ecstasy**

July 22 – **Rodeo Clowns**

July 29 – **Molly's Revenge**

August 5 - **Mestizo**

August 12 - **California Cowboys**



*The California Cowboys*

Details on these concerts and other activities are online at [www.redwoodcity.org/events](http://www.redwoodcity.org/events).

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