

REDWOOD CITY 2020

A healthy community partnership

Redwood City 2020 Update

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Community Schools

Unique partnership of Redwood City leaders lays a vision for student and family success

Redwood City 2020 and the Redwood City School District are scaling up the success of local community schools to support the achievement of all families and students across the educational system. Over the past nine months, more than forty local, cross-sector leaders have been convening as part of the Community Schools Expansion and Sustainability Workgroup. The workgroup has conceptualized a

cradle-to-career pipeline of community school and ally sites that serves the community through robust, coordinated programs. This concept builds on the history of collaboration that characterizes Redwood City 2020 while moving the work to a new level in an innovative manner. In March, the Redwood City 2020 Executive Team and the Leadership Council will consider a set of recommendations in a paper the workgroup is currently finalizing.



Safe Routes to School

SPOKES program at Hawes and Fair Oaks Community Schools promotes bicycle safety

The Safe Routes to School program is gearing up once again to provide bike rodeos and workshops for schools and after school programs beginning in the spring. Each year the Safe Routes to School program works with school staff to provide both indoor and outdoor bicycle and pedestrian education (bike rodeos) to students. In addition to these rodeos, students at 5 after school programs are set to learn about bicycle safety and maintenance through Safe Routes' partner program, SPOKES. Led by Redwood City Parks, Recreation, and Community Services, SPOKES courses were completed at Hawes Community School and Fair Oaks Community School this fall.



Redwood City Together Second Welcoming Stars Honored

On Monday, February 8th at 7pm in Redwood City City Hall, Coffee with Cops (part of the Redwood City Police Department) and Donuts with Deputies (part of the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office C.A.R.O.N program) were honored as the second Welcoming Stars for their remarkable commitment to creating a welcoming environment for all, especially immigrant newcomers.



Both programs offer a safe and welcoming space for community members and law enforcement to meet informally at local coffee shops, markets, churches, businesses, and other central locations in Redwood City and North Fair Oaks. In these settings, law enforcement and community members are able to discuss concerns, build personal connections, establish trust and communication, and exchange resources. "Welcoming is the first step in building a strong relationship with the community and law enforcement together," says C.A.R.O.N. Program Director Victor Lopez.

Alcohol and Other Drugs Prevention Partnership December Minor Decoy Operation succeeds with 90% compliance rate

On December 11th, the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office and Youth Cadet Program carried out a successful "Minor Decoy Operation" in Redwood City and North Fair Oaks as part of the Redwood City 2020 AOD Prevention Partnership's coordinated efforts. The deputies and underage cadets worked together to test 20 local liquor stores by attempting to purchase alcohol without proper over-21 identification. The community has a high standard - over the past year, compliance levels have stayed at about 85% - and December was even better. Only 2 of the 20 stores visited were cited, a fantastic 90% compliance level! Redwood City 2020 and other AOD partners will now work together to recognize the efforts of the stores that were in compliance, as well as offer Responsible Beverage Service Training for those stores and workers that were cited.



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