Foster City: Resort Town on the Peninsula

Foster City is a well-planned and well-maintained city in a beautiful setting—residents boast that their hometown feels more like a resort than a city.

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Foster City is located on the San Francisco Peninsula, 25 miles from San Francisco and 30 from San Jose. It is accessible via the 101 (although the 280 is a short drive away), as well as the San Mateo Bridge and Highway 92. Its location makes commuting in every direction—whether north to San Francisco or east to Oakland—a breeze.

Families can easily make Foster City their home, thanks to the City’s recreational programs and parks. Kids can take advantage of the town’s baseball diamonds, tennis courts, soccer fields, jungle gyms and beaches located throughout more than 20 parks. The City also sponsors an abundance of activities for teens, kids and even grown-ups.

“We offer a tremendous amount of activities and planned leisure services,” said Realtor Phyllis McIlhenny. “For example, we have a number of well-organized sports teams (from soccer to baseball).” During the summer we also offer concerts in the park for the family.

These city-wide events are attended by people from across the Bay Area. “We are renowned for our fireworks display for July 4th—we have one of the best displays. The Wine Festival, which is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, is also incredible—each year thousands of people come to enjoy the food, wine and art. There’s always something going on,” said McIlhenny. McIlhenny is a member of SAMCAR (the San Mateo County Association of Realtors). SAMCAR is a professional organization of Realtors on the Peninsula. The Association provides members with opportunities for community involvement and access to a network of professional resources and business contacts. Realtors must abide by a strict code of ethics and participate in additional training above and beyond state real estate license requirements.

Children attend schools in the Foster City- San Mateo School district. “We have good schools that cater to the many young families here,” said Koelling. “We’ve got public schools, private schools and even a JCC with classes, yoga and several annual events, including the Jimmy McArthur Scholarship.”

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BAY VIEWS

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LOCAL PARKS

Foster City is built around a series of parks that brighten up the neighborhood and provide a recreational stomping ground for the community. These parks are great for the whole family and feature athletic facilities from baseball diamonds to soccer fields and jungle gyms. The best part of Foster City parks is that there is always something new to discover—many parks are “hidden” at the end of small private ways that appear to go nowhere. Wandering through the city on a summer day is a great way to uncover these hidden treasures.

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