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The Top Five Reasons to Live in Redwood Shores

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OLD AND YOUNG COMMUNITY

Although Redwood Shores itself is a newer community, its residents come from all walks of life. Young singles move to this neighborhood to start their lives. Retirees move in to downsize and enjoy easy living in a planned community. Families move here to upgrade to larger homes and watch their kids grow in a safe environment. The result: a melting pot of people of all ages and new friends for everyone.

PACIFIC ATHLETIC CLUB

The Pacific Athletic Club is one of the West Coast's premier fitness clubs. The facility sits on almost 10 acres of land and includes 9 tennis courts, 5 squash courts, four pools, a gymnasium, kickboxing studio, indoor cycling studio, Pilates center, and fully-loaded fitness center. For those who enjoy a quiet day of relaxation, the Club also features a massage and beauty spa. The Pacific Athletic Club has become a focal point of Redwood Shores.

NEWER HOMES

Anyone who has owned an older home can testify to the countless problems that could arise from leaks to a weak foundation. Living in a new home can be a breeze compared to the trials of an older house. All homes in Redwood Shores were built after 1968 and have newer everything: from utilities to shingles. This means fewer repairs and hassles for homeowners.

LAGOON SYSTEM

Redwood Shores is built around a series of lagoons that breathes life into the community. The lagoons bring also attract wildlife and give the town a "coastal" atmosphere. For people who enjoy spending time outdoors, the lagoons are perfect for running, biking or skating around and give people the opportunity to be by the water without leaving their neighborhood. The lagoons are also home to open water swims where athletes jump in and test their swimming skills.

CONVENIENCE

Residents love the fact that Redwood Shores is as conveniently planned as it is located. The City is almost equidistant from both San Jose and San Francisco and is easily reached via the I01. Getting to Redwood Shores is painless and residents can easily access the shopping and recreational opportunities offered by neighboring Peninsula cities. Internally, the community is also convenient because it is well-planned. One great example of this is the streets, which are wide and well-situated to avoid congestion and traffic.

Redwood Shores: The Peninsula's Well-Planned Community

Redwood Shores is a planned community that offers residents the conveniences of a clean and well-maintained city.

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Imagine living in a city that learns from others' mistakes and offers unmatched conveniences. The homes are newer than those in nearby towns and the city is well-maintained and planned out. The cherry on the cake: a series of peaceful lagoons wind their way through the city giving it a coastal feel. Looking for a place like this to call home?

Look no further. Redwood Shores is a well-planned community in a picture-perfect setting with great amenities. "Redwood Shores is an entirely planned community with a nice, tranquil feel," said Realtor Allan Bernardi. "All the utilities are underground, the houses and parks have beautiful landscaping and the streets were built to avoid traffic."

"Redwood Shores was designed to accommodate the needs of busy people," said Realtor George Chopoff. "Everything is very convenient."

The City is built on a series of lagoons that have become the focal point of outdoor activity. A series of pathways snake around the lagoons offering residents a place to swim, bike, run or just sit by. Because Redwood Shores was built on the San Francisco Bay, it also offers great views and waterfront properties. "One of the top reasons to live in Redwood Shores is the waterfront housing," said Bernardi.

People of all ages are drawn to Redwood Shores because of its beautiful setting and conveniences. "You'll find everything in Redwood Shores; from newlyweds to people on their second honeymoon," said Realtor Donna Marie Baldwin. "It is a safe and lovely place to live."

Redwood Shores is located on the San Francisco Peninsula, midway between San Jose and San Francisco. Both cities are a short drive away and are easily accessed via the I01 and 280 freeways. The community is a part of Redwood City but has its own homeowners association (the Redwood Shores Community Association) that helps to manage the neighborhood.

As one of the newest cities on the Peninsula, Redwood Shores was planned from the get go and construction on the first set of homes began in 1968. As construction of the first homes began, so did the building of

a 60-acre aquatic amusement park: Marine World. Although the park moved to Vallejo in 1986, it was a central point of the community for many years.

Many homebuyers are attracted to Redwood Shores because of the newer homes. "Redwood Shores is a conglomerate of newer homes that offer comfortable, easy lifestyles," said Baldwin. "Most of these homes have connecting family rooms and kitchens—this is a great feature and means that the center of the family is the kitchen/living room."

Baldwin is a member of SAMCAR (the San Mateo County Association of Realtors). SAMCAR is a professional trade organization that organizes Realtors on the Peninsula.

tation and congestion issues faced by neighboring cities," said Bernardi. "It has a lot of amenities to offer everyone from young adults to older adults."

One focal point of the city is the Pacific Athletic Club. As one of the premier fitness clubs on the West Coast, the Club is the center of many recreational activities and draws people from neighboring cities. The facility sits on almost 10 acres of land and includes 9 tennis courts, 5 squash courts, four pools, a gymnasium, kick-



boxing studio, indoor cycling studio, Pilates center, and fully-loaded fitness center. It also has a spa, café and central courtyard. "On weekends, the Pacific Athletic Club is a huge draw. There is something for everyone from infants to seniors," said Chopoff.

Many families choose to make their home in Redwood Shores because of the Pacific Athletic Club, as well as the City's accessibility and convenience. Children attend Sandpiper Elementary School until 5th grade and after that attend neighboring schools in the Belmont-Redwood Shores School District. The town also offers numerous recreational activities and facilities for the whole family.

For people who want an easy lifestyle in a no-hassle community, Redwood Shores is a great place to call home. Its conveniences and gorgeous setting are unmatched on the Peninsula.

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