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**The City of Redwood City presents
Target Family Days
A Series of Free Themed Family Activities on Courthouse Square**



Target Family Days, generously sponsored by Target Stores, will attract kids and adults of all ages one Sunday per month, from 11am until 3pm. Three cultural themes including East Indian-Bollywood, Hawaiian and Latin will round out each enriching event with music, children's performers, hands-on activities for kids and more. There will be something for everyone, as Courthouse Square becomes the center of a magical assortment of family entertainment. Plus, the street will be closed to through traffic, making a family outing in Downtown a safe and gratifying experience.

Each Target Family Day includes:

- Cultural Food
- Street Performers
- Themed Food Demonstrations
- Themed Face Painting
- Hands-on Art Projects
- Art Stations with FREE projects!
- Balloon Artistry
- Caricature Artist
- Bay Area Parent Pictaroo
- Flowers & Baked Goods for Sale
- Bounce Houses & more!

East Indian Theme

July 12, 2009

Featuring Dholrhythms of Non Stop Bhangra - Indian Dancing & Lessons



Dholrhythms is an organization dedicated to raising awareness and educating people about the artistic and cultural heritage of India. Led by Vicki Virk and Suman Raj, Dholrhythms Dance Troupe concentrates on highlighting the ancestral and ethnic roots of the Punjabi dance form while pushing boundaries with a contemporary style. The result is a fresh and unique dance full of fun, energy, and passion. The eclectic group of women who make up the Dholrhythms Dance Troupe have become one of the most talked about dance troupes and have been featured on some of the largest stages in the San Francisco Bay Area including Stern Grove Festival, Michael Franti's Power to the Peaceful in Golden Gate Park, Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, Harmony Festival, and more

www.dholrhythms.com

Video at: <http://tinyurl.com/qms7v6>



Geetanjali, a well known Bay Area band of Indo-American Silicon Valley Professionals for over two decades, has been entertaining local audiences with their refreshing sounds of east-west fusion "Bollywood Music" that is renowned for unique, energetic, melodious and foot tapping blends of India ragas/rhythms, Latin percussions, and western rock themes to create an intoxicating genre of modern Indian music. "Geetanjali" derived from Tagore's masterpiece literally means "an offering of songs" and that's what the band delivers with passion.



Wildwonders

Take a Walk on the Wildside with Wild Wonders! Let us take you on a dynamic adventure without ever leaving your seat, as you meet animal ambassadors from all over the world! Our programs allow kids and adults alike to "tame" their curiosity about the wild kingdom. Our goal is to excite the public and foster a desire to preserve and learn about the wildlife and planet we share. Join us for an exciting, up-close and personal visit with many different species!

www.wildwonders.org

Hawaiian Theme

August 16, 2009

Featuring Hawaiian Halau, Hula Dance Instruction, Lei Making, Hawaiian Shaved Ice

Soccer Collies

A unique event where Border Collie dogs play soccer with the kids! There are 5 soccer goals that the kids stand in front of and the dogs (one at a time) try to score on the kids. Featuring Ms. Z and Bek, two Border Collies of outstanding soccer ability, this promises to be a huge hit for kids and adults like.

<http://soccercollies.com>



Latin Theme

September 12, 2009

Featuring The Cuban Cowboys & Andy Z



Que es/What is un Cuban Cowboy?

The Cuban Cowboy is not a tipico cowboy in the mold of a cheesy-quesoso Hollywood Western. Horses? He has none. He (or she) sleeps on a mattress, rides a subway train, and owns no rifle. The Cuban Cowboy is a breed apart--a hy-breed. The tools of his trade are a musical instrument, a silvery tongue and a pair of twitchy hips. He is the bastard love-child of Ricky Ricardo and Tom Waits, Elvis eats azucar. The musical estilo of The Cuban Cowboys is as itinerant as the elusive creatures who spawn it. A capricious mixture of tradition and revolt, it features tasty rhythmitos of Montuno and Guajira served up under swooning surf guitar and dark post-punk power chords. An occasional hillbilly root thrown in the pot not only justifies the wearing of cowboy hats, but also makes an excellent garnish. Armed with intelligent lyrics and catchy mambo riffs The Cuban Cowboys swivel forth to enclose their audience en un rock 'n' roll abrazo: suave, firme y muy—¿como se dice?—SEXXAY.

www.cubancowboys.com

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bEm3SV2Feuw>



Andy Z delights kids and kids-at-heart with his musical adventures. He will have your children smiling, singing and dancing along as he takes them on an imaginary tour of the Andyland Islands. His story adventure performances feature a full host of Andyland characters, traditional and contemporary music plus original songs. Children are drawn in by his use of character voices, puppets and music that runs the gamut from educational to just plain silly;

<http://www.andyz.com>
<http://www.youtube.com/AndyInAndyland>

dance songs to lullabies, sing-a-longs to finger plays to full body movement. Genres include rock, British pop, jazz, folk, country, hip-hop, blues, Irish and classic traditional kids' tunes.

Other Events at Downtown Redwood City's 2009 Summer Series

Along with our Target Family Days, other exciting FREE evening events include: Jazz on Main on Mondays, Dancing on the Square on Tuesdays, Movies on the Square on Thursdays, and Music on the Square on Fridays. Other ongoing events in the coming months include six special outdoor exhibits featuring Art on the Square, Monday and Wednesday afternoon performances with Lunchtime on the Square, Sunday Swing Dancing with Lindy on the Square, as well as weekend Shakespeare performances, and Cultural Events. Full details at www.redwoodcityevents.com

These free events, occurring throughout the summer, are sponsored by the City of Redwood City and its Redevelopment Agency, Civic Cultural Commission and Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department

The Redwood City Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department provides recreational facilities and activities for all ages and interests, and supplies building and custodial services for City buildings. Redwood City Parks also operates the Fair Oaks Community Center, providing social, educational, and cultural activities, as well as information, referral, and counseling services to persons living in Redwood City and neighboring communities. Redwood City Parks is more than you think! Its website is located at www.redwoodcity.org/parks.

Visit Redwood City's award-winning website at www.redwoodcity.org for information about the City and its services, the community, recreation programs, education, and local business. Subscribe to Redwood City's email newsletter or other documents by visiting www.redwoodcity.org/egov.

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