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Redwood City presents
Redwood City 150th Festival and Flower Extravaganza
Sesquicentennial Celebration

Redwood City, CA – Redwood City celebrates its Sesquicentennial year in style this summer, starting off with a special *150th Festival and Flower Extravaganza* on Saturday, May 20th from 12pm-8:30pm.

This elaborate free event in downtown features three stages, along with these exciting attractions:

- *Music - Taiko Drums, Patriotic, Bluegrass, Surfer, Blues, Swing and more!*
- *Flower Extravaganza & Flower sale with Art and Flower Exhibition*
 - *Redwing City Hot Wings Contest*
 - *Adult Libations Tasting Area*
 - *Cultural Performances*
 - *1850's Pioneer Camp*
 - *Touch a Truck Area*
 - *Car Show*
 - *Kids Crafts*
 - *Ethnic Food*
 - *Art on the Square*
 - *Historic Fashion Show*
 - *Evening Digital Light Show*

Redwood City's *150th Festival and Flower Extravaganza* guarantees a fun-filled day of exciting, historic activities, music, entertainment, culture, dancing, food, beverages, and a wonderful time for the entire family. Public wing tasting is from 12pm-5pm, but come early to be sure to sample the most popular types and have time to vote in the contest! Along with delicious chicken, local restaurants will also offer delicious ethnic fare throughout the day.

* *Wing Tasting end times vary from booth to booth depending on how many wings get tested!*

The 150th Festival and Flower Extravaganza launches many other year-long celebrations, which are designed to bring the community together to discover the City's history, honor its diversity and explore its neighborhoods. These include everything from speakers' series events, the 150th Festival and Flower Extravaganza, fun-in-the-park events, a historic ships visit, a historical documentary film and a sesquicentennial themed Fourth of July parade with special prizes. The **Downtown Business Group (DBG)** is also planning their April Restaurant week and a special Saturday event.

The City of Redwood City is "excited to celebrate the past 150 years of our community, which is known for its diverse and engaged people and its illustrious history as one of the key communities on the Peninsula," says Chris Beth, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services. "We're assisting with putting on events that make people want to come out and celebrate together, and promoting them everywhere we can. This includes a special website - redwoodcityhistory.org - where people can find fascinating historical blogs from guest authors, amazing photos and information about events."

The Redwood City Public Library will also commemorate the milestone with its "[Redwood City Now and Then](#)" photo project, where community members can share old family photos, receive digital copies, and learn how to use online tools to create and share photos and movies.

Encompassing 11 city blocks of Downtown Redwood City, the festival is held on Broadway between Middlefield and Hamilton and on the beautiful Theatre Way. Downtown Redwood City, with its lively and active music, theater, dining, and shopping scene, is truly the heart of the action. Plus, Redwood City's Caltrain station is just a short walk from Downtown and the festival.

PRESS INFORMATION

Redwood City 150th Festival and Flower Extravaganza

Saturday, May 20th, 12pm-8:30pm

FREE Admission

Courthouse Square 2200 Broadway,

Redwood City, CA 94063

650-780-7311 or <http://www.rwc150.org>

Blurb/PSA Information

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Sponsoring Organization: Redwood City Parks, Recreation and Community Services.

Events are wheelchair accessible and open to the public, all ages.

Redwood City 150th Festival and Flower Extravaganza is proud to be supported by the following sponsors:

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For more information please email albertromero@redwoodcity.org or go to

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