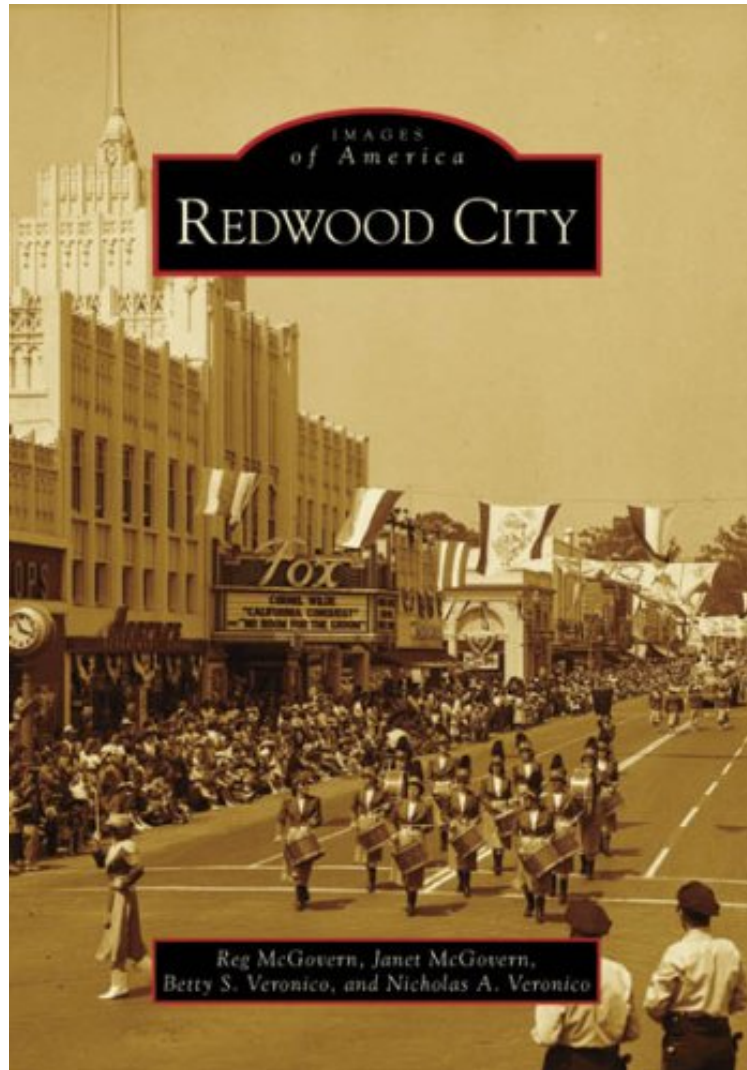


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Reg McGovern, Janet McGovern, Betty S. Veronico, Nicholas A. Veronico : Redwood City (Images of America: California) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Redwood City (Images of America: California):

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. My life is flashing before my eyes ...By Steve Chelli discovered this book while looking for raffle prizes for our Sequoia High School 50th reunion in October 2009. And what a treat ... as an innocent "child of the '50s" growing up in Redwood City, I knew then -- as I know now more than ever after paging through this book -- that we truly were blessed to have lived in this wonderful city halfway between San Jose and San Francisco. Imagine the feeling I had seeing a photograph of the now-gone Redwood Pharmacy on Main Street, a place

my mom bought me ice cream cones and comic books...or the old Redwood City Tribune building on Winklebeck Street near the beautiful Sequoia High School campus! And so much more.Perhaps one reason people tend to overlook Redwood City and the Peninsula is because population growth has muddled city borders so it appears as one large metropolis from SF to SJ. I remember driving the El Camino Real south from Redwood City at a time that blossoming fruit orchards separated Redwood City from Menlo Park...then from Atherton...then from Los Altos...then from Mountain View...then from Sunnyvale ... Those times are recaptured in this book.I knew and admired photographer Reggie McGovern as an intern, then "cub" reporter at the Redwood City Tribune. Little did I know that his photographs and those he and his team collected from the Redwood City Library would bring me so much pleasure so many years later. If you grew up in Redwood City, you must buy this book!0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Excellent,informative.By Paul J.A fun book to read as it brought back memories of when I was young. Even though I was a resident here for my whole life there were many things in early Redwood City history I wasn't knowledgeable about. Well worth the purchase price.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. This Book Has Interesting Historical Information About Redwood City.By WilliamThis book has some interesting information. Some of the information that this book mentions is as follows: Like many of the small towns of the San Francisco Peninsula, Redwood City began as a part of a Mexican rancho. In 1856, San Mateo County was established and Redwood City was chosen as the county seat. Simon Montserratre Mezes, an attorney to the Arguellos, was deeded part of their rancho. His land was what is now downtown Redwood City. Mr. Mezes named his new town Mezesville. Later it was called Redwood Landing. In 1856, when a Post Office was established, the towns name became officially Redwood City. The Redwood Theater was closed in 1955 after 22 years of business. Five straight days of flooding in January 1952 resulted in widespread flooding in Redwood City. Dr. Jonas Salks breakthrough polio vaccine in 1955 resulted in him being a hero. Redwood Citys first drive-in theater opened in June 1961 with a giant screen and space to hold 1100 cars. Some of the pictures in the book include pictures of the following: Patricia (Patty) Hearst and her future husband and bodyguard named Bernard Shaw, Thrifty and Woodside Plaza Shopping Center in March 1954, Grocery store chain Piggy Wiggly opening its first store in the San Francisco Peninsula in 1954, aerial view of Redwood City taken in 1949, and an early 1866 photo showing the humble beginnings of which would becoming thriving Downtown Redwood City..

Redwood Citys slogan, Climate Best By Government Test, describes the fair weather at San Mateo Countys seat, which was established in 1851 as the bayside terminus for the peninsulas lumber industry. Wharfs located along Redwood Creek formed the basis of the towns commercial district, and in the 20th century, the citys port expanded with new industries, such as the Pacific-Portland Cement Company, the Morgan Oyster Company, and Leslie Salt. Meanwhile, Redwood Citys downtown area hosted many civic events, numerous theaters, and the regions largest retail district. In the 1950s, the city grew along Woodside Road and, soon thereafter, when Redwood Shores was added to its boundaries, expanded north. Today Redwood City has come full circle with a revitalized downtown and a beautifully restored courthouse square.

Title: Redwood City A Photographic Celebration of Our Town Author: Michael Erler Publication: The Spectrum Date: October 2008 How does it feel to keep a secret for 70 years? If you live in Redwood City our city you have a pretty good idea. In a national sense, when people hear or read the words Bay Area they automatically think about San Francisco, the town that oh-so-modestly gave itself the nickname The City. Perhaps sports fans are also aware of Oakland because of the sports teams the A's, the Raiders, the Warriors and to a lesser extent San Jose because of the Sharks. Ask Peninsula natives about the Bay Area, however, and naturally the answers are more varied and soulful. You'll hear shout-outs for Palo Alto, Berkeley, San Mateo, maybe picturesque burgs like Half Moon Bay, Tiburon or Marin. All of these cities feature unique charms of their own, their tourist attractions, and they all bring something to the table. Redwood City, however, is the Rodney Dangerfield of hamlets; it just doesn't get any respect, even, sometimes, from its own. Four people who have spent a considerable amount of time and effort to change the perceptions and stereotypes of our town are two journalistic couples, Janet and Reg McGovern and Betty and Nicholas Veronico. Their new book, Redwood City, the latest installment of Arcadia Publishing's Images of America series, was released on Oct. 6 and offers a little bit of everything for everybody, from history buffs to architectural enthusiasts to those who can't get enough of stunningly beautiful aerial photography, the kinds of pictures that make you feel vital and insignificant all at once. Mostly, though, it's a book made by Redwood Citians for Redwood Citians, to give us all a much-needed perspective into the town's past and an appreciation for those who came before us. When you're a reporter, there's a tendency to take a jaundiced view of the city or subject that you're covering so you're objective, said Janet McGovern, referencing her long career as a reporter and a columnist for the Redwood City Tribune (which later, ominously, became the Peninsula Tribune). But what struck me about earlier days in Redwood City was how much prior generations accomplished in a very short period of time. That's true of infrastructure problems like the need for freeways and better roads or establishing a port. But that's also true when it comes to building community churches, new schools, civic organizations and businesses. This is a great place to live. Indeed, but why are so few people

outside of the city aware of this? The McGoverns, who met while working at the paper (Reg was a news photographer for over 40 years before retiring in 1981) aren't quite sure, but both are adamant that the town was always culturally important and socially attractive, in contrast to the commonly held notion that only the recent downtown refurbishments have made it so. I spent hours and hours scrolling through microfilm of old newspapers at the library and it was so engrossing I had to tear myself away when the library closed, Janet said of the research process. I'd come across incidents in these old newspapers that Reg had told me about, and these stories came to life for me when I read contemporaneous accounts of what happened as it was unfolding. I came away from my research feeling like I'd missed out in some ways by being born too late. I would have loved to have been living in Redwood City, for example, for the first Fourth of July parades and rodeos. I have a much deeper appreciation for how Redwood City came to be the city that it is as a result of the contribution of people who lived here long before us. --The Spectrum

About the Author This collection of vintage imagery draws extensively from the photographs of Redwood City native Reg McGovern, a longtime Redwood City Tribune photographer, and the knowledge of his wife, Janet, a communications professional for the San Mateo County Transit District. Coauthor Betty S. Veronico, a commercial property manager, was born and raised in Redwood City. She and her husband, Nicholas A. Veronico, a military and aviation historian, have authored four other local history titles for Arcadia Publishing.