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**Redwood City Invites Community to Celebrate World Environment Day
with the Tour des Trees Bike Ride/Park Stroll and Other Fun Family Environmental Activities**

Redwood City, CA – As the United Nations sponsors the 35th annual World Environment Day in San Francisco on June 2nd, the community of Redwood City is invited to celebrate and participate locally in the World Environment Day/Tour des Trees Bike Ride/Park Stroll at Red Morton Park. The fun starts at 9:00 am on Saturday June 2nd and continues until 12:30 pm. The event will be held on the Valota Road side picnic area in the park.

Activities include a 16-mile Tour des Trees bike ride; children's walk, bike, or scoot around Red Morton Park; free children's activities including face painting and arts and crafts; information about local environmental and non-profit groups; free T-shirts and tree seedlings to the first 100 reserved participants; and the ceremonial planting of a tree in Red Morton Park. Redwood City is combining the Tour des Trees with World Environment Day (http://www.unep.org/wed/2007/english/About_WED_2007/index.asp) in an effort to raise awareness and participation in protecting our environment and helping our urban forest.

The Tour des Trees Redwood City is a fund raiser for the TREE Fund, a non-profit tree research foundation (www.treefund.org). Once per year in August, the Tour des Trees completes a week-long bike ride, and each day of the ride a tree is planted along the route. Community participation in this one-day event will help plant a tree and grow the TREE Fund to benefit our urban trees.

Younger tree-lovers and environmentalists can participate by walking, riding, or scooting around Red Morton Park and enjoy the activities safely with a playground and park facilities nearby – the environmental festival is on from 9:30 am until 12:30 pm, with a special tree planting ceremony at 11:30 am, sponsored by CityTrees, Redwood City's non-profit tree planting organization (www.citytrees.org).

World Environment Day was established by the United Nations in 1972 to stimulate awareness of the environment, and is hosted every year by a different city and commemorated with an international exposition.

For more details or Tour des Trees participation forms, please contact Gordon Mann at 650-780-7493 or e-mail gmann@redwoodcity.org.

Still working on sponsors!! Redwood City's World Environment Day event is co-sponsored by Whole Foods Market, Norcal Waste Systems of San Mateo County, HortScience, The Professional Tree Care Company, and the City of Redwood City. Visit Redwood City's award-winning website at www.redwoodcity.org for information about the City and its services, the community, recreation programs, education, City government, and local business.

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