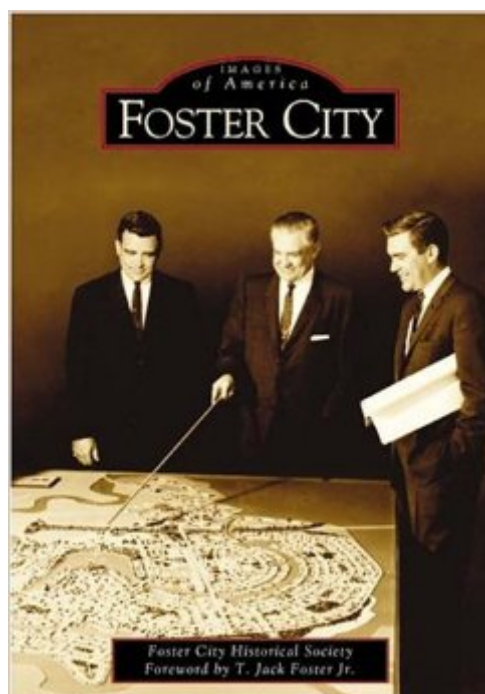


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# Foster City (Images Of America)



## Synopsis

Many of California's cities evolved haphazardly, the natural but disorderly result of an early settlement expanding over time. Foster City, on the other hand, is an example of a community that was carefully envisioned and built according to a master plan. The city was conceived in the 1950s when real estate developer T. Jack Foster and his sons began the arduous task of preparing tidal mudflats on the San Francisco Bay's shore to support a series of roads, housing developments, industrial parks, and a picturesque but functional system of lagoons. Through the years, Foster City has risen from these humble beginnings to become a major Bay Area city, one that is home to 30,000 diverse residents and several important corporations.

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Mention the history of Foster City and one immediately thinks of a time that is still vivid in most peoples' minds, for it was during the turbulent mid-to-late 1960's that this town came of age. Through photographs dating from the early 1900s up to the present time, the Foster City Historical Society chronicles the rise and development of this small town 20 miles south of San Francisco. Although largely a "picture book" rather than an academic history, local historians and others will be intrigued by the details revealed in the short captions. Current and former residents can look through the book and might be surprised to find a familiar looking face staring back at them from the pages. Still others with no connection to the city will enjoy the book for the sense of small town tranquility contained within its pages while reminiscing about a time gone by. The book is

arranged in chronological order; in addition to the standard historical analysis chapters, there are chapters on recreation, community groups and sports. It is truly part history book and part tour guide for Foster City. This is the first book published by the Foster City Historical Society and the first new book on Foster City history in 20 years.

As a resident of San Mateo I watched Foster city develop from a wet marshland area into a beautiful city. As a matter of fact I was one of its first residents with the purchase of a lovely home on the waterfront next to the city park. It was very enjoying to read the book and remember the many folks who were instrumental in its development. Thanks for the memories.

This book shows the History of Foster City from the beginning with lots of pictures of then and now. Rich.

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