



ATHERTONIAN

Quarterly Newsletter for Atherton Residents

Spring 2003

Community Calendar *Live on the Web!*

The Atherton Community Calendar is now live on the Town's web site at www.ci.atherton.ca.us. The Community Calendar is the result of a idea from last year's Community Organization Roundtable meeting, where community groups supported the concept of a centralized location for posting information regarding upcoming events of Town-wide interest.



The calendar contains information about upcoming official Town meetings as well

as library events, art and musical events and other community happenings. **If your organization has an event to post on the calendar, please provide the date, time and other pertinent information to Linda Kelly, Assistant to the City Manager, at 752-0546 or send an e-mail to lkelly@ci.atherton.ca.us.**

Arbor Day at the Park

The Atherton Tree Committee invites you to attend its 14th Annual Arbor Day Celebration on Saturday, May 3rd at 10:00 a.m. The Tree Committee will be planting trees and shrubs in Holbrook-Palmer Park, 150 Watkins Avenue, adjacent to the Pavilion. The Park has received a donation of many beautiful camelias, rhododendrons and other plant

material that we will be using to beautify the area east of the Pavilion. To thank you for your hard work, the Tree Committee will be serving lunch following the planting. Please bring your gloves, shovels and enthusiasm! **For more information, please contact Kathy Hughes Anderson, Town Arborist, at 752-0526.**



Atherton Goes Green

Because of the California Air Resources Board (CARB) requirements that major vehicle manufacturers have a percentage of zero emission vehicles registered in California, the Ford Motor Company has made available street-legal electric vehicles at no cost to government, schools and other non-profit agencies.

Through the efforts of Lieutenant Glenn Nielsen, the Town of Atherton was able to secure three of these vehicles. The vehicles are currently in use in the Police Department, at Holbrook-Palmer Park, and the Building Department. The Police Department's vehicle is painted black and white, is used for night patrol at our 10 school sites, for football games at Menlo College, Sacred Heart, and Menlo Atherton High School, along with other special events at the Circus Club and at Holbrook-Palmer Park.

The Park vehicle is scheduled to be fitted with a utility trailer and will be used to perform maintenance and other park functions in an environmentally clean and quiet way. The Building Department will use its vehicle for short trips to other Town facilities and to help in the aid of inspections for the many ongoing building projects in Atherton.

The cars bring smiles and waves from young and old alike as they drive down local roads and through the park. Stop and say hello when you see one!



Atherton's three electric vehicles displayed by Troy Henderson, Public Works Supervisor, Robert Brennan, Police Chief, and Joseph Mercer, Parks Supervisor

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Park Strategic Plan Adopted

The City Council adopted the 2003 Strategic Park and Recreation Plan at its meeting of February 19, 2003. The plan was a revision of the 1997 Plan and was prepared by the Atherton Park and Recreation Commission, after several reviews, public input meetings and consideration of research and resources, such as the 2002 Holbrook-Palmer Park Survey. The resulting document is a 5-year Strategic Plan which will serve as the Park and Recreation Commission's blueprint for systematic parks planning. The Plan may be viewed on the Town's web site at www.ci.atherton.ca.us, click on "Town News," or contact Linda Kelly for a copy at 752-0546. Many thanks to the Park and Recreation Commission for their commitment and dedication in producing this guiding document for the Town's parks.

Atherton Recycling Sets Records

The Town's Waste Reduction Committee was recently notified that the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) has accepted the Town's 55% recycling diversion rate for 2000. Atherton was able to meet the State mandated 50% recycling diversion rate by counting actual diverted tonnage rather than using the Board's calculation method. Counting actual tons diverted from our construction and demolition recycling program was an important part of the equation which allowed us to report a 55% diversion rate. The Town's 2001 annual report has just been filed with the CIWMB, with a 64% actual diverted tonnage. Atherton continues to report the highest recycling rate in terms of pounds per household per month as compared to other San Mateo County jurisdictions. In the fourth quarter of 2002, Atherton residents recycled 285 pounds per household per month of greenwaste. **To learn how you can increase your participation in recycling programs, please contact Kathy Hughes-Anderson, Town Arborist, at 752-0526.** *Keep up the good work and thanks for recycling!*

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Participate in the Relay for Life!

The Town of Atherton invites all Atherton residents to participate on "Team Atherton" in the Redwood City/Menlo Park American Cancer Society's annual Relay for Life, to be held at Sequoia High School in Redwood City on May 17th and 18th.

The Relay is a volunteer-organized 24-hour event that celebrates the victory of cancer survivors and raises funds for the American Cancer Society. Team members take turns walking around the high school track with the goal of having a team member on the track for each of the 24 hours. The relay begins with a cancer survivors' lap to symbolize the courage which cancer survivors and their families display and sustain in their lives. Luminaria bags, sponsored by relay donors, are lit at nightfall to honor both the victims and survivors of cancer.

You can participate by signing up to walk laps around the track, soliciting donations, staffing the team's tent, or donating food and drinks for the team walkers. If you are unable to partici-



pate on the weekend of May 17-18, you can also pledge to sponsor a walker. Checks in any amount are welcome and may be made payable to American Cancer Society. Luminaria bags in honor of cancer survivors and victims are also available for sponsorship with a suggested donation of \$10 per bag.

Last year, Team Atherton raised over \$1,528 in donations to the American Cancer Society, and overall, the Redwood City/Menlo Park relay raised over \$135,000. For more information about participating on Team Atherton in the Relay for Life, to donate in sponsorship of Team Atherton, or to start your own team, contact Linda Kelly, Assistant to the City Manager, at 752-0546, or Linda Frasch, Atherton resident who serves as a volunteer Team Development Chair for the Relay, at 261-9433.

ACIL Annual Town Meeting

The Atherton Civic Interest League (ACIL) will hold its Annual Town Meeting on Thursday, May 22, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in the Pavilion at Holbrook-Palmer Park, 150 Watkins Avenue, Atherton.

Highlights of the agenda include local elected representatives to the State legislature and County government, the ACIL Awards ceremony, the election of ACIL Directors, ACIL project updates on Atherton Pride and Services for the Elderly, a State of the Town presentation, a presentation on Disaster Preparedness and Response, and music by the Menlo-Atherton High School Band and Color Guard. A special presentation on Selby Lane School will have a keynote address by 49ers Quarterback Jeff Garcia, who set up an educational foundation in San Jose for underprivileged Hispanic children. The meeting is open to the Atherton community. **For further information, contact ACIL President Bob Jenkins at 328-6669.**

TOWN OF ATHERTON

91 Ashfield Road • Atherton, CA 94027

City Council

Meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm
Town Council Chambers • 94 Ashfield Road

James R. Janz, Mayor..... 325-8666 (wk)
term expires 11/2004

Kathleen McKeithen, Vice Mayor..... 321-3633
term expires 11/2004

William R. Conwell, Council Member..... 368-0994 (wk)
term expires 11/2006

Alan B. Carlson, Council Member..... 408-998-4150 (wk)
term expires 11/2006

Charles E. Marsala, Council Member..... 328-7113
term expires 11/2006



Helpful Phone Numbers

(All area codes are 650 unless otherwise noted)

Comcast Cable (formerly AT&T)(800) 945-2288
California Water Service.....367-6800
Pacific Gas & Electric(800)743-5000

County Services

Animal Control.....363-4840
Assessor.....363-4500
Library.....328-2422
Supervisor, Richard Gordon, 3rd Dist.....363-4569
Voter Registration.....312-5222

Menlo Park Fire District

Business/Administration Office.....688-8400
Emergency.....323-2404 or 911

Waste/Recycling

Browning Ferris Industries (BFI) Garbage.....592-2411
Recycling.....637-1411
Fair Oaks Sanitation District.....363-4100
West Bay Sanitation District.....321-0384



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Park Program Mgr. 752-0534
Kathy Hughes Anderson,
Town Arborist 752-0526

Historic Water Tower Exterior Restored



Water Tower, Holbrook-Palmer Park after recent restoration.

The historic Water Tower at Holbrook-Palmer Park, circa 1870, was recently restored on the exterior of the structure thanks to a generous of \$84,717 from the Holbrook-Palmer Park Foundation and the Atherton Dames. The exterior was painted and the catwalk of the Tower was also refurbished with new material to help it withstand the elements. This year, the Atherton Dames are raising funds to restore the interior of this historic structure.



Water Tower, Holbrook-Palmer Park during restoration.

Household Battery Recycling is Here



Atherton residents may now recycle their household batteries at the Town Administrative Offices or at the Town Permit Center.

Look for the white five gallon buckets, marked for battery recycling, to dispose of your used batteries. The new program is a cooperative effort between the Town and the San Mateo Household Hazardous Waste Program and the batteries are collected by the County Environmental Health staff. Car batteries and industrial sized batteries are not accepted. Please, recycle your batteries and keep this hazardous waste out of the landfill.

Street Sweeping

In April, the Town commenced street sweeping on selected streets. BFI, the Town's waste hauler, will be providing the sweeping services. The sweeping is furthering the Town's compliance with the federally-mandated National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Clean Water Act requirements through the cleaning away of leaves and other debris before they enter the storm drain system which eventually leads to the Bay. The streets selected are those identified as having the most leaf and debris problems, especially following storms. The sweeping is taking place on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. since there are generally less vehicles parked on streets during these hours, and the cost for the sweeping services is much lower on Saturdays. **Questions regarding street sweeping should be directed to Steve Tyler, Public Works Superintendent, at 752-0541.**

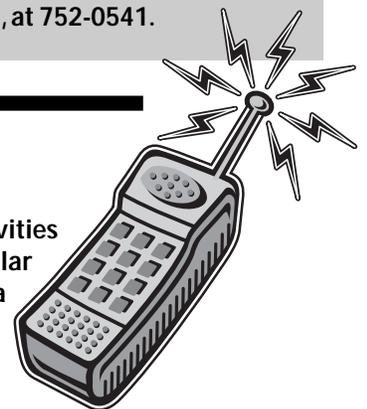
Cell Phone Recycling

The Town of Atherton has discovered a creative way to raise funds for the Atherton Police Activities League (PAL) without asking for money. Instead, we are asking you to donate your old cellular phones during the week of Earth Day, April 21-25, 2003. If you have an old cell phone sitting on a shelf or in a drawer, bring it to the Town Police and Administrative Offices at 91 Ashfield Road and leave it in the collection container. Drop off your cell phones, chargers, and any extra batteries bundled together. All donations are appreciated, but the newer the phones, the better.

What happens to your old phone?

The Town sells your donated phone to CollectiveGood, a company that focuses on funding charities through mobile phone recycling. Some of the phones will be reprogrammed and sold in Latin America as prepaid phones. Your old phone might actually be the first phone some family ever owns! The rest are scrapped for parts and recycled. All will either be reused or recycled according to EPA standards. The money received from the sale of the phones will directly benefit the Atherton Police Activities League.

Your donation helps the Atherton PAL while helping the environment, so please bring in those old cell phones.



Earth Day Mercury Thermometer Swap

The Town of Atherton and the City of Menlo Park are jointly sponsoring a Mercury Thermometer Exchange on Earth Day, Tuesday, April 22nd. As a participating agency of the San Mateo County Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program, we will be distributing free, "mercury-free" thermometers to residents who bring in their old mercury thermometers for recycling. All thermometers will be disposed of through the County Household Hazardous Waste Program. A significant amount of mercury contamination in the environment comes from consumer items discarded in landfills, or down the drain. Atherton residents are encouraged to bring their old mercury thermometers to the Burgess Recreation Building, 700 Alma Street in Menlo Park, between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., on Earth Day.

Old Bicycles Wanted

Sacred Heart and Selby Lane Schools are taking used bicycles, teaching students how to fix them up, and giving them to students who need transportation. Helmets are being provided by the Atherton Police Activities League.

If you have a bicycle that you are no longer using or one that is in need of repair, consider donating it to this worthy cause. These bicycles are providing transportation to students in need. Students are also learning repair and maintenance skills, as well as bicycle safety and responsibility through the Atherton Police Department.

If you have a bicycle to donate, please contact Selby Lane School Principal Francisco Lopez at 368-3996 during school hours to arrange a drop off. Financial contributions are also welcome. If you have any questions regarding the bicycle donation program, please contact Officer Pilar Buckley, Atherton Police Department, 752-0557.



Know Your Neighborhood:

Walnut Avenue - A Special Street

We don't have a homeowners' association, and we're not a gated community. But even without these we have a very special street and a sense of community like no other. We're Walnut Avenue, located one block north of the Acorn Restaurant.

Our sense of community extends from the west end where a trip to Bill's wine cellar might find you tasting some hearty reds or Betsy and Pat's pool that's open to neighbors whenever the flag is out, to the east end where Gustavo might be serving up some of his delicious homemade empanadas. In fact, several neighbors have something everyone counts on at the summer cocktail parties... Amanda's sausages, Robin's margaritas, and Linda's chocolate chip cookies.

It seems the neighbors on Walnut Avenue can't get enough of each other: Cat's Dinner Group, in its third year and growing, tries a new restaurant every other month. Jane's Rebuild Group supports and educates the families on Walnut who are rebuilding this year and next, and was the subject of a recent article in the Mercury News. There's the always popular and well-attended Summer Block Party complete with jumpy house, fire-truck rides and neighbor Danuta's balloon animals. There's also the rotating Summer Cocktail Parties as well as the Welcome-to-the-Neighborhood-Dinners.

Walnut Avenue is special in other ways, too... you can always look forward to tomatoes from Jackie's garden, a friendly chat with Tim on his way home from the train station, a hello from Jim or Kathy whenever they walk their dogs, a wave from Adele and Larry out for their nightly walk, an unexpected bouquet of beautiful flowers from Mimi's garden, and Ross's hilarious costume every Halloween. If you've got a last minute crisis, someone is there to watch your kids, pick up your mail or feed your dog. If you need to borrow a couple eggs or a little sugar, you only need to pick up the phone and run across the street or next door.

If you drive down Walnut Avenue, please go slow. Twenty kids, mostly under the age of seven, ride bikes and scooters up and down the street. And, if you drive down Walnut Avenue, you might as well stop and say "Hi". There is always someone around for a chat. You might even get invited to Bill's wine cellar!

- Catherine (Cat) Westover, Resident of Walnut Avenue

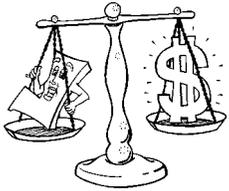
Compost Giveaway

Free compost and wood chips are available to Atherton residents at Holbrook-Palmer Park, 150 Watkins Avenue.

The high-grade compost is made from your curbside yard trimmings and is being supplied to the Town, at no cost from the Town's waste hauler, BFI. The wood chips make great mulch and are supplied from local tree service companies. Please bring your own shovels, gloves and containers. The compost and mulch piles are located in front of the Corporation Yard, behind the Eucalyptus trees. Adding organic compost to your garden soil will help improve soil structure, fertility, texture and water holding capacity. You can help "Close the Recycling Loop" and enhance growing conditions in your garden. **To learn how to backyard compost, contact RecycleWorks at (888)442-2666.**

Update on Town's Fiscal Picture

In February, the Town's Finance Department presented the mid-year budget report to the City Council and provided an update to the Town's four-year financial plan.



The mid-year budget report indicated that General Fund revenues would fall short of budgetary estimates prepared at the beginning of the year by approximately \$345,000. This shortfall resulted from several factors, including reduced state reimbursements and the overall state of the economy, which reduced residential and retail sales activity resulting in lower than expected property and sales taxes.

To bring revenues and expenditures into balance, the City Council approved reductions in appropriations amounting to \$308,000 (approximately 3% of the General Fund budget) and

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recognized a portion of the carry-over from the previous fiscal year which was greater than originally anticipated when the budget was adopted. The negative fiscal situation of the State of California will also most likely impact the Town in the future as it is anticipated that the State Motor Vehicle License Fee (VLF) funding source, or a portion of it, may be taken away from cities next year. In February, the City Council adopted a Resolution urging the California Legislature to reject the Governor's proposed shift of local VLF revenues and to honor prior State commitments for disbursements of the VLF to local governments.

No matter what happens on the State level, Town management, in consultation with the City Council's Finance Committee, is currently developing a plan of action that addresses the anticipated revenue and expenditure imbalance. ***The goal is to preserve existing financial resources and not affect the quality and level of municipal services provided to the residents of the Town.***



"Hats Off to the Dames"

The Atherton Dames will present its Luncheon Fashion Show on Friday May 9th at 11:30 a.m. in the Pavilion at Holbrook-Palmer Park. Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. The show features "Hats by Post." Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased from Pattie DeWalt at the Park Office, 752-0536.

Welcome New Employee

In January, Kelli Robertson started as the Town's new Public Services Assistant. If you have visited the front counter of the Administrative Offices to purchase stamps, you may have met Kelli. Her experience includes 9 years with the San Jose Unified School District and 11 years with Evergreen School District, where she held administrative positions and also served as a driving instructor. She also worked as an administrative assistant for Wireless Online. Kelli lives in Santa Clara with her husband of 25 years, Rob, and has two children, Roby, age 24, and Nicole, age 19. In her free time, Kelli enjoys going camping and fishing with family and friends.



Kelli Robertson



Police Chaplain Jacqueline Clark

New Police Chaplain

Earlier this year, Jacqueline Clark began serving as the Police Chaplain for the Atherton Police Department. Jacqueline's service to the Town actually began as backup for Chaplain Mike Ryan in 2001 and has she been a Law Enforcement Chaplain since 1995. With Chaplain Ryan's move to Seattle, Jacqueline was appointed Director of Ministry for San Mateo County Public Safety Support Services. She is actively involved in the training and supervision of chaplains for Police and Fire agencies and has served on the San Mateo Critical Incident Stress Management team for three years.

In 1996, Jacqueline was licensed by the Evangelical Covenant Church and in 2001 began serving part-time as Ministry Associate in Spiritual Formation at Foothill Covenant Church in Los Altos. Other professional experience includes pastoral counseling, spiritual direction and family mediation.

Chaplain Clark is available to the Atherton Police Department 24 hours a day. She responds to critical incidents when officers or residents may need support and comfort.

"It's Up to You for 72"

In South San Mateo County, the cities of Atherton, East Palo Alto, and Menlo Park, in conjunction with the Menlo Park Fire District and the San Mateo County Office of Emergency Services, will soon be starting a disaster preparedness program entitled "It's Up to You for 72".

The focus of this program is to help prepare residents living within the above listed cities for disasters and other emergencies. Recently, Home Depot has graciously donated floor space in its East Palo Alto store for disaster materials, demonstrations, and supplies.

While the threat of terrorist activity in the United States is of great concern, our largest threat is still an unpredictable earthquake. An earthquake could sever water, power and phone lines. Damaged roads and bridges will make traveling around the area very difficult. Even going to the grocery store for emergency supplies could be significantly impacted--even made impossible--by such an event.

Because of circumstances beyond our control, and the severity of damage that could occur, we are encouraging each of our residents to be prepared to be self-sufficient for a period of 72 hours. This preparation includes storing enough food, water, and medical supplies to sustain your family for a minimum of 72-hours. Depending on the extent of damage and injuries, there is even a possibility that disaster services might be unavailable for a longer period of time.

So, where do you begin? First, each family should develop a Family Disaster Plan. Just as the Town of Atherton has an emergency plan to follow for disasters and other emergencies, so should your family. For instance, have you thought about when, where, and how you will meet your family

should you be apart during a disaster? To help you write a family disaster plan, you might consider visiting www.redcross.org. Click on "Disaster Services", then "Be Prepared". There you will find several links, one being "Family Disaster Planning." There, a short and simple explanation of how to make a plan is available for you to copy and modify to meet the needs of your family.

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Next, begin storing food, water and medical supplies in a container, such as a backpack or plastic trash can with wheels. By storing these items in this fashion, your emergency supplies become portable should you be forced to leave your home due to

continuing danger. Again, in the "Family Disaster Planning" section of the Red Cross website, you will find detailed lists of suggestions of how to store supplies, what supplies you might consider, and other helpful information.

Finally, remember: each family is unique. The food and emergency supplies that one family stores might not be the same as another family. Store only those things that you will eat. This is your 72-hour kit. Personalize it. Involve each family member for suggestions and ideas.

If you do not have access to the internet, or you would like additional information regarding your 72-hour kit and emergency preparedness, please call Sgt. Eric Grimm at the Police Department for assistance at 752-0520.

Remember, "It's Up to You for 72!"

Atherton Dames Announce New Reading Outreach Project

The Atherton Dames recently initiated an outreach project providing much-needed books to Selby Lane School. Working with Bring Me a Book Foundation, members of the Atherton Dames have personally contributed enough funds to buy a moveable bookcase filled with hardback books and new listening libraries for 10 classrooms in the lower grades. Listening libraries include new hardcover books with audio-tape recordings of the books for students to listen during class or at home. The Selby Lane School teachers are thrilled with the Atherton Dames' donations. The Atherton Dames continue to fulfill their responsibilities by fundraising for Holbrook-Palmer Park, but also believe that promoting literacy is a vital priority in our families, schools and communities. **For more information about the reading outreach project, contact Atherton Dames President Nancy Greenbach at 323-3610.**

Sunday Afternoons at the Library

Have some free time on a Sunday afternoon?

Be sure not to miss the next two Library Travels events, featuring lectures and slides with John Stuart. The events are free at the Atherton Library, 2 Dinkelspiel Station Lane.

Mexico - Sunday, May 4th
4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Celebration of Flowers Around the World - Sunday, June 1st
4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Atherton Library



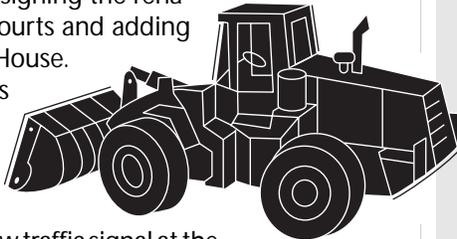
Atherton's Capital Projects Status

Here is an update on the Town's many Capital Improvement Projects. This progress is made possible in large part by the residents' support of the parcel tax, which helps to fund much-needed capital projects and infrastructure repair.

Bids have been received and contracts signed for resurfacing Stockbridge Avenue, between Alameda de las Pulgas and Selby Lane and for reconstructing Atherton Avenue, between Linda Vista and Stern Lane, the even numbered Atherton Avenue cul-de-sacs, James Avenue between Magnolia and Lilac, San Benito Avenue, Bassett Lane, Lane Place, Lowery Drive, Lilac Drive and Lilac cul-de-sac. Actual construction work on some of these streets has already started, and work on the remainder will commence within a month.

In Holbrook-Palmer Park, the Water Tower exterior has been repaired and painted. Renovation of the Water Tower was paid for by a donation from the Holbrook-Palmer Park Foundation/Atherton Dames. In addition, the painting of the Carriage House is underway. Contracts for repairing and sealing two of the three parking lots and repainting the Pavilion have been let, and the work is scheduled for the first week in July. Contracts have been signed for designing the rehabilitation of the tennis courts and adding an elevator at the Main House.

Work on both projects should take place in the last half of the summer.



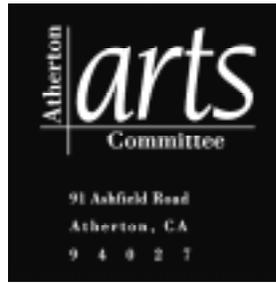
Bids are about to be opened for installing a new traffic signal at the intersection of Valparaiso and University Avenue. This is a joint project with the City of Menlo Park that came out of the joint city Valparaiso Corridor Study. The signal is expected to go into operation this fall.

Plans are nearly finished and the Town is awaiting permits from Fish and Game and the Regional Water Quality Control Board for replacing the box culvert where the Atherton Channel goes under Elena Avenue. Assuming the permits will not be delayed, the work will be commenced this summer.

The study to define a project to stabilize the banks along about a quarter of a mile of the upper Atherton Channel is about three-quarters complete. It is expected that the study will lead to a project for summer 2004.

Recently completed projects include the Middlefield Road Rehabilitation and a new storage building/garage for the Police Department.

Plans are near completion for upgrading the Town's Street Maintenance Corporation Yard, between Station Lane and the railroad tracks. The upgrading is another project that should be underway this summer and be completed before winter.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

The Atherton Arts Committee has been working hard to plan community-enhancing programs and events for 2003.



SUMMER ART CAMP 2003

Inquire now! Five enriching NEW studio art classes.

Morning classes (students 4 to 7) - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Afternoon classes (students 8 to 12) - 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Session I: "Constructing Worlds" (Sculpture) - June 23 - July 3

Session II: "Wonderlands and Puppets" - July 7 - July 18

Session III: "The Art of Costumes" - July 21 - August 1

Session IV: "Printmaking" - August 4 - August 15

Session V: "The Mystery of Movement" - August 18 - August 29

MUSIC@MENLO: Chamber Music Festival - August 3 - 8, 2003

This summer the AAC will lend its support to the Bay Area's extraordinary new chamber music festival. Under the artistic direction of David Finckel, cellist of the Grammy Award winning Emerson String Quartet, and pianist Wu Han, Music@Menlo will bring a roster of over two dozen world-renowned musicians and leading educators to the campus of Menlo School for a series of concerts, multidisciplinary symposia, and social gatherings. Keep a look out for dates announcing master classes with festival artists, young musician workshops, and performance opportunities. For more information, visit www.musicatmenlo.org

Please contact the AAC at (650) 482-9824 or, e-mail: atherton_art@hotmail.com. To read more about AAC programs and events, log on to: www.ci.atherton.ca.us/arts.

Enjoy the Atherton Tennis Center at Holbrook Palmer Park

Get a tennis key for you and your family:

Only \$150 for Atherton residents and \$200 for non-residents. Use it for the year and it is a great deal less expensive than golf!

New resurfaced courts are projected for September 2003.

Contact Jean Cardona, Park Program Manager, at 752-0534 for tennis key purchases.

Atherton Library Children's Programs

Mondays at the Library (4:00 p.m.)

May 5

Celebrate Asian-Pacific Month with Daniel Chan, The Magic Man. Magic, Chinese Yo-Yo, acrobatics, and juggling. 45 mins. All ages.

June 16

Mark Bunnell, The Juggling Tornado. Comedy, juggling, magic, and hair-raising stunts. 30 mins. All ages

June 23

sing-along with award-winning singer and songwriter, Nancy Cassidy. 45 mins. All ages.

June 30

"Asia FantAsia" with master storyteller Robert Kikuchi-Yngojo of Eth-Noh-Tec Creations. Folk tales and myths from Korea, Japan, China, Tibet, Afghanistan, and other Asian cultures come alive with his storytelling, music, dance, and wild facial gestures. 45 mins. All ages.

July 7

Quack And Wabbit Puppet Theatre will present "Mr. Gumpy's Outing," an interactive show based on the book by John Burningham. 30 mins. Preschool – 2nd grade recommended.

July 14

Drama Kids Act Out Stories! A creative drama and storytelling workshop with Storyteller and Drama-Specialist Carolyn Power. Participate in creative drama exercises and imagination stretches and perform in an improvised play created from a story told during the session. 45 mins. Ages 5 and up. Limited Registration.

July 21

The Fratello Marionettes perform the "Vaudeville Follies," a marionette variety show presented in the spirit of the old time music hall. 30 mins. All ages.

July 28

Wildlife Associates will present "Spirit of the Rainforest." Learn about the endangered tropical rainforest animals and meet a Squirrel Monkey, Sloth, Kinkajou, and a Binturong. 45 mins. All ages.

August 4

Kirk Waller, The Master Storyteller will tell some great multicultural folktales. 45 mins. All ages.

Employee of the Quarter

Congratulations to the Employee of the Quarter, Police Officer Joe Wade! Officer Wade was nominated by fellow employees for his willingness to go the extra mile and assist anyone who needs help. Joe's fellow employees shared the following comments: "Joe is always smiling, along with a great sense of humor. Joe is open to suggestions, hearing new ideas and methods that affect his position. He welcomes change the benefits the department." Officer Wade has been the School Resource Officer for Menlo Atherton High School over the past year and participates with the gang task force in East Palo Alto every week. He is also part of the SWAT team in San Mateo County, and recently taught defensive tactics courses at the police academy. Congratulations, Joe and keep up the good work!



Joe Wade

Recycling News

Atherton residents can recycle more items now that the Town's waste hauler, BFI, has expanded its plastics recycling program. In addition to aluminum cans and glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles and dairy containers coded #1 through #7 can be recycled in the same bin. New materials that may be recycled include most dairy containers, and cleaning and laundry plastic containers. Also, rinsed coated milk cartons and juice cartons (plastic caps and spouts removed) can be recycled with the mixed paper. Items that are not accepted include black plastic, styrofoam, pizza boxes (or food contaminated paper), nursery plant containers, plastic grocery bags or film plastic. **For more information on your curbside recycling programs, contact BFI at 592-2411 or visit their website at www.bfipeninsula.com.**



Slow down, Pay Attention, Be Safe

As Spring has come and Summer will be here soon, traffic safety should be on everyone's list of things to do. Remember, unless otherwise posted, residential streets are 25 mph. The major causes of accidents at intersections are drivers making left hand turns in violation of oncoming traffic. Don't be in such a hurry! The few seconds you save will be nothing compared to the time it takes for a traffic officer to complete a moving citation or accident report. Atherton currently has two full-time and several part-time motorcycle traffic officers whose primary functions are to issue hazardous moving citations. A single moving citation can cost the violator several hundred dollars in fines and court cost as well as a rise in insurance premiums for several years to come.

So remember, slow down and obey the traffic laws of our Town.



Town Honors Employees

In January, the Town held its Annual Employee Recognition Event. Five employees were honored at the event for their years of service to the Town:

- Steven Snider, Police Sergeant, 25 years
- Tony Dennis, Police Officer, 10 years
- Antoinette Gutierrez, Police Dispatcher, 5 years
- Henry Tam, Reserve Police Officer, 5 years
- Christina Silagi, Per Diem Police Dispatcher, 5 years

Congratulations to Steve, Tony, Antoinette, Henry and Christina, and thank you for your years of service and dedication to the Town of Atherton!



Sgt. Steve Snider receives his award and accolades from Police Chief Bob Brennan

Retirement Fetes Scheduled

Cliff Temps, the Town's Public Works Director/City Engineer since 1999, is retiring to the sunny state of Florida! A retirement reception is scheduled for Cliff on **Tuesday, April 22** from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. in Jennings Pavilion at Holbrook-Palmer Park. Light refreshments will be served and no RSVP is required. Please contact Linda Kelly at 752-0546 for more information or if you would like to donate toward a retirement gift for Cliff. His last day at work will be April 25.



Cliff Temps, the Town's Public Works Director/City Engineer



*Joe Mercer
the Town's Parks Supervisor*

Joe Mercer, the Town's Parks Supervisor since 1979, has announced his retirement at the end of May. A retirement barbeque is scheduled for **Friday, May 2** at 6:30 p.m. at Jennings Pavilion at Holbrook-Palmer Park. The cost is \$25 per person and includes a donation toward a gift.

Please RSVP by April 22 with Jean Cardona at 752-0534. Checks are to be made payable to Pattie DeWalt.



New Public Works Director

Duncan L. Jones was recently appointed as the Town of Atherton's new Public Works Director/City Engineer. After an extensive recruitment, the Town screened 46 resumes and conducted interviews of seven candidates. Duncan, a resident of Redwood City, brings to the Town extensive experience in the engineering field, and is currently employed by the City of Belmont as its Assistant City Engineer since 2000. His engineering experience also includes serving as a chief operating officer of a construction management/engineering firm in San Ramon, group manager for civil design for an engineering firm in Oakland, as well as holding engineering management positions with the Florida Department of Transportation. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Miami, Coral Gables and



Duncan L. Jones

is a California Registered Civil Engineer. Duncan also holds a Juris Doctorate from the University of Miami School of Law, Coral Gables and practiced real estate, trademark, copyright and engineering law in North Miami Beach, Florida for 6 years.

"Duncan will fill a critical vacancy and comes to Atherton with excellent engineering skills," said City Manager Robinson.

As Public Works Director/City Engineer, Duncan will be responsible for capital improvement projects, engineering, streets maintenance and repair, park maintenance and programming, facilities and storm drainage. Duncan will replace the Town's current Director, Cliff Temps, who is retiring after serving as the Town's Public Works Director/City Engineer since July 1999.

Duncan's first day with the Town is April 21, 2003.

New Life for Old Soles

Don't know what to do with your old tennies? Recycle them into new athletic surfaces!



The County of San Mateo RecycleWorks, in celebration of Earth Day 2003, is sponsoring an Athletic Shoe Recycling Program. Shoes may be dropped off at designated locations through April 30 (see locations below), and will eventually be ground up to make new athletic surfaces.

Please remember, athletic shoes only are needed, no metal eyelets, cleats or spikes, no dress shoes or boots, no hiking boots, no shoes with lights, no wet or muddy shoes.

Give your old tennies new life by dropping them off at these local businesses:

■ **Basic Training Fitness Club, 161 Constitution Drive, Menlo Park**

■ **Fitness 101, 40 Scott Drive, Menlo Park**

■ **The Runners High, 859 Santa Cruz Avenue, Menlo Park**

For more information, call (888) 442-2666 or visit on the web

www.RecycleWorks.org.

SPECIAL FATHER'S DAY EVENT

"Big Daddy Jazz"

June 15, 2003

Holbrook-Palmer Park

Do something special for Father's Day! Bring the family to the

Atherton Arts Committee's jazz, sport and music spectacular

directed by Stanford University jazz expert, Dr. Herb Wong.

For more information, contact the Atherton Arts Committee at 482-9824.

CALENDAR

Call 752-0529 for information on changes and special meetings

April

- 23 Planning Commission 6:00 p.m. Council Chambers
- 24 Tree Committee 4:00 p.m. Admin. Offices Mtg. Rm.
- 25 Arts Committee 11:00 a.m. Admin. Offices Mtg. Rm.
- 29 Audit Committee 5:00 p.m. Admin. Offices Mtg. Rm.
- 28 Channel Drainage Subcom 8:00 a.m. Council Chambers
- 29 Finance Committee 6:00 p.m. Admin. Offices Mtg. Rm.

May

- 7 Waste Reduction Comm. 10:00 a.m. Admin. Offices Mtg. Rm.
- 7 Park & Rec. Comm. 6:30 p.m. H-P Park, Main House
- 21 City Council 7:00 p.m. Council Chambers
- 23 Arts Committee 11:00 a.m. Admin. Offices Mtg. Rm.
- 26 **Memorial Day, Town Offices Closed**
- 28 Planning Commission 6:00 p.m. Council Chambers
- 29 Tree Committee 4:00 p.m. Admin. Offices Mtg. Rm.

June

- 4 Waste Reduction Comm. 10:00 a.m. Admin. Offices Mtg. Rm.
- 4 General Plan Comm. 6:00 p.m. Council Chambers
- 4 Park & Rec. Comm. 6:30 p.m. H-P Park, Main House
- 18 City Council 7:00 p.m. Council Chambers
- 25 Planning Commission 6:00 p.m. Council Chambers
- 26 Tree Committee 4:00 p.m. Admin. Offices Mtg. Rm.
- 27 Arts Committee 11:00 a.m. Admin. Offices Mtg. Rm.

July

- 2 Waste Reduction Comm. 10:00 a.m. Admin. Offices Mtg. Rm.
- 2 Park & Rec. Comm. 6:30 p.m. H-P Park, Main House
- 4 **Independence Day, Town Offices Closed**
- 8 Transportation Committee 6:00 p.m. Council Chambers
- 16 City Council 7:00 p.m. Council Chambers

Lights, Camera, Read!

Summer Reading and Listening Clubs

Preschool through 8th grades

June 16 – August 9. Registration starts June 16.

Readers are required to set a goal of four or more books. Listeners will listen to 10 or more books. Finishers will receive a book and other prizes.

Reading Patch Club

Grades 3-7. Meets on Fridays at 4:00 p.m., beginning on June 20.

Last meeting will be on Friday, August 8. Required to read five books. Meetings will involve book-related activities, such as book discussions, read-alouds, games, special performers, and creative arts and crafts. Earn reading patches and other prizes.

Summer Storytime at the Library

"Itsy-Bitsy" for infants to two-year olds. Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m., June 18 - August 6.

All Programs are Sponsored by the Friends of the Atherton Library.



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