



# ATHERTONIAN

Quarterly Newsletter for Atherton Residents

Spring 2004

## Town Capital Projects Update

### Renewal of Parcel Tax Goes Before Voters Later This Year

In June 2001, Atherton residents adopted a Parcel Tax to fund capital projects as well as public services, for the period of 2001 through 2005. This November, the Town will be asking the voters to consider renewal of the Parcel Tax in order to continue this important funding source of Town revenue. In the wake of State budget cuts and fiscal uncertainty at the State level, the Parcel Tax funding mechanism has become an even more important aspect of how the Town is able to deliver services and maintain its aging infrastructure.

This article describes the projects funded by the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) portion of the current tax.

Most of the projects funded by the current Parcel Tax are street paving projects. All streets in the Town are surveyed every two years and ranked on a pavement index scale of 1 to 100, with 100 being a new street in excellent condition.

#### Street Sealing Projects

Each year a portion of the funds are allocated to sealing streets, starting with the heavier traffic streets. In 2004, the arterial and collector streets to be sealed include:

- Marsh Road
- Encinal Avenue from Laurel Avenue to the school
- Oak Grove Avenue from Middlefield Road to Greenoaks Drive
- Ringwood Avenue from Middlefield Road to the Town limits

Residential streets will also be included, such as:

- Austin Avenue
- Broadacres Road
- Oakwood Boulevard
- Patricia Drive

Streets that have already been sealed with funds from the current Parcel Tax include:

- Adam Way
- Atherton Avenue (excluding the reconstructed portion)
- Barry Lane
- Cebalo Lane
- Elena Avenue
- Heather Drive and cul-de-sac
- James Avenue from Middlefield Road to Magnolia Drive
- Lipin Lane
- Meadow Lane
- Rosewood Drive
- Stockbridge Avenue from Austin Avenue to El Camino Real
- Virginia Lane
- Watkins Avenue from the tracks to Middlefield Road
- Wisteria Way

#### Street Reconstruction Projects

Some Atherton streets have a condition rating below 25, meaning their pavement has failed. These streets need to be reconstructed. A 2003 survey showed that only 11 streets remain in this condition. All 11 are scheduled to be completed by the end of June 2005.

The streets included are:

- Barry Lane cul-de-sac
- Barmetta Way
- Camino al Lago from Alameda de las Pulgas to Barney Avenue
- Fenwood Drive
- Greenoaks Drive from Rosewood Drive to Acorn Way
- Linden Avenue from Flood Circle to Laburnum Road

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## Having a Party?

### Consider Using the Park!

Planning a birthday party, retirement party, baby shower or bat mitzfa? Did you know that you



can rent the facilities at Atherton's Holbrook-Palmer Park? Outdoor picnic areas can be reserved and rented as well as the indoor facilities. For more information, contact Jean Cardona, Park Program Manager, at 752-0534. Or, check out the Town's website at [www.ci.atherton.ca.us/facilities.html](http://www.ci.atherton.ca.us/facilities.html) for information about the facilities.



## Town Launches New E-mail Subscription Service

The Town website now has a new "E-Mail Subscription Service" whereby residents and other interested persons can sign up to receive notification of the Council Agenda being posted on the website, and general Town news announcements. The screen to subscribe is shown above and has a link on the Town's home page at [www.ci.atherton.ca.us](http://www.ci.atherton.ca.us). Check us out on the internet and subscribe in this handy way to keep informed of Town business. Once you subscribe, you will receive automatic e-mails from the Town notifying you of agendas and Town information.

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## Atherton Garden Guild Refurbishes Rose Garden

In 1971, the Atherton Garden Guild planned and planted a fragrance garden for the residents to enjoy in Holbrook-Palmer Park. In January 2004, the Guild replanted the garden with roses that were rescued from homes that were being demolished and added a few roses that were purchased. The Guild hopes the beauty of the blooms will bring pleasure to the residents who visit Holbrook-Palmer Park. Next time you are in the Park, be sure to visit the new "Fragrance Garden" which is near the bandstand and children's play area.

## Tree Planting and Dedication

The Holbrook-Palmer Park Foundation announces a planting and dedication of a tree in honor and memory of Atherton resident Henry Cartan II on May 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. in Holbrook-Palmer Park. Refreshments will follow the dedication.

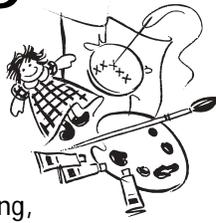


## Bring a Book, Get a Book Ice Cream Day

The Friends of the Atherton Library are sponsoring a "Bring a Book, Get a Book" Ice Cream Day! Join the fun on June 5<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Atherton Branch Library, 2 Dinkelspiel Station Lane, 328-2422.

## WANTED

Atherton residents who are interested in developing Adult Classes in the wide field of art—sculpting, painting, sketching, pottery, etc. The Atherton Arts Committee is creating a package of art activities to stimulate the artistic talents of others in the community and you could be part of the project. Interested? Call the Atherton Arts Committee at 482-9824 and leave your name and telephone number and your call will be returned.



## New Life for Old Soles...

Hate to throw away an old pair of tennis shoes? Do something good for the earth and recycle your used athletic shoes this spring. The shoes you bring in will go to a Nike recycling facility where they are ground up and used to make athletic surfaces including tracks, weight room flooring and playground surfaces.

- Sneakers only
- No metal (eyelets, cleats or spikes)
- No dress shoes, flip-flops, sandals, boots
- No hiking boots or shoes with lights
- No wet or muddy shoes

Drop off your old sneakers at collection locations throughout San Mateo County from Earth Day, April 22 through May 31. For information and drop-off locations, contact San Mateo County RecycleWorks at 1-888-442-2666 or [www.RecycleWorks.org](http://www.RecycleWorks.org).

## Mercury Thermometer Exchange

The Town of Atherton is sponsoring a Mercury Thermometer Exchange during Earth Week, April 19-23, 2004. As a participating agency of the San Mateo County Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program, we will be distributing free digital thermometers to residents who bring in their old mercury thermometers for recycling. The mercury thermometers collected 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 the landfills, or down the drain. Atherton residents are encouraged to bring their old mercury thermometers to the Permit Center, 93 Dinkelspiel Station Lane between 9:00 - 12:00 and 1:00 - 5:00, April 19-23<sup>rd</sup>. For more information, contact Town Arborist Kathy Hughes Anderson at 752-0526.



## History Buffs Visit Atherton

In January, the Atherton Heritage Association was host to the San Mateo County History Buffs in the Atherton Council Chambers. The Association presented a historic talk on the beginnings of our Town, the people who first lived here, the story of the horse, Phar Lap, and many interesting facts. It was the first time that the History Buffs had been to Atherton and the Council Chambers was filled to capacity with standing room only for this historic and memorable event. If you would like to learn more about Atherton's history or volunteer for the Atherton Heritage Association, please contact Association Chairperson Marion Oster at 688-6540.

# TOWN OF ATHERTON

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## City Council

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

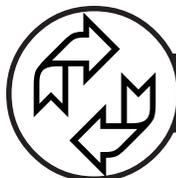
<b>Kathleen McKeithen, Mayor</b> .....	321-3633
<i>term expires 11/2004</i>	
<b>William R. Conwell, Vice Mayor</b> .....	368-0994 (wk)
<i>term expires 11/2006</i>	
<b>Alan B. Carlson, Council Member</b> .....	408-998-4150 (wk)
<i>term expires 11/2006</i>	
<b>James R. Janz, Council Member</b> .....	325-8666 (wk)
<i>term expires 11/2004</i>	
<b>Charles E. Marsala, Council Member</b> .....	328-7113
<i>term expires 11/2006</i>	

## 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
<b>County Services</b>	
Animal Control.....	363-4840
Assessor.....	363-4500
Library.....	328-2422
Supervisor, Richard Gordon, 3rd Dist.....	363-4569
Voter Registration.....	312-5222
<b>Menlo Park Fire District</b>	
Business/Administration Office.....	688-8400
Emergency.....	323-2404 or 911
<b>Waste/Recycling</b>	
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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Information/Inspections	752-0560
Daily Inspection Schedule	752-0561
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	328-2422
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Emergency	911
<b>Post Office</b>	
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Steve Tyler, PW Superintendent	752-0541
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Jean Cardona, Park Program Mgr.	752-0534
Kathy Hughes Anderson, Town Arborist	752-0526
<b>Heritage Room</b>	
Atherton Heritage Association	688-6540

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- Normandy Lane
- Prior Lane
- Redwood Way
- Stevick Drive

In addition, due to heavier traffic and proximity to critical projects, other streets will be reconstructed along with failed streets, including:

- Acorn Way
- Austin Avenue from Atherton Avenue to Almendral Avenue
- Greenoaks Drive from Acorn Way to James Avenue
- Linden Avenue from Hawthorne Drive to Flood Circle
- Laburnum Road from Hawthorne Drive to Magnolia Drive
- Selby Lane from West Selby Lane to El Camino Real
- Tallwood Court

Streets reconstructed with funds from the current Parcel Tax include:

- Atherton Avenue from Linda Vista Avenue to Stern Lane (including three cul-de-sacs)
- Bassett Lane
- Irving Avenue cul-de-sac
- James Avenue from Magnolia Drive to Greenoaks Drive and cul-de-sac
- Lane Place
- Lilac Drive and cul-de-sac
- Lowery Drive
- Magnolia Drive from James Avenue to Irving Avenue

#### ■ San Benito Avenue

#### Street Overlay Projects

Streets that have already been patched and overlaid with funds from the current Parcel Tax include:

- Stockbridge Avenue from Alameda de las Pulgas to Selby Lane

Low bids for recent street work may enable the Parcel Tax fund to expand beyond its original list of projects. Public Works is currently investigating more economical and longer lasting pavement treatments. New technology has the potential to fix more extensively damaged roadways and prolong their life. A treatment that is being used by San Mateo County, using a sealant with rock chips followed by a slurry seal, may be able to restore streets with a condition rating of 50 or below. This treatment will be used on several Atherton cul-de-sac streets as a trial this summer. If successful, an expanded list of street treatments will be implemented in the final year of the current Parcel Tax.

#### Other Street Projects

The current Parcel Tax has also provided funds for other important projects:

- The Elena Avenue Box Culvert Replacement Project was constructed in the summer of 2003. The wider and higher culvert allows more flow through the box, reducing the potential

for overflow of the Atherton Channel. In previous heavy rain years the channel has overtopped its banks at Elena Avenue. The additional height provides space (freeboard) above the water surface when the channel is flowing full, reducing the potential for debris to catch on the culvert and cause overflows.

- The Barry Lane Box Culvert Replacement Project will be constructed in the summer of 2004. The same modifications will be made as the Elena Box Culvert Project, except that the Barry Lane Box Culvert will be a single barrel, i.e., it will have no center wall.

#### Parcel Tax for New Projects

Considerable progress was made with the current 2001-2005 Parcel Tax. However, additional funding is still needed for street projects and storm drainage.

#### Streets

The current Parcel Tax should cover costs to rehabilitate all of Atherton's failed streets. The next program needs to patch and overlay the remaining streets before they fail. Because rehabilitation is less costly than reconstruction, more streets can be rehabilitated with the same Parcel Tax dollars. However, while the 2003 survey showed only 3% of Atherton's streets were failed, 15% are in fair condition and need significant rehabilitation and 27% are in satisfactory condition and need minor rehabilitation. A total of

## ACIL Announces Annual Town Meeting

The Atherton Civic Interest League (ACIL) has set its Annual Town Meeting for Thursday, May 6, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. at the Jennings Pavilion in Holbrook Palmer Park. The focus of this year's meeting will be the Caltrain situation. Presentations will be made by industry specialists concerning the proposed high-speed train system for California, the 'Baby Bullet' train, the issues of grade separations and electrification and, finally, the current schedule revisions.

For further information, please contact ACIL President Bob Jenkins at 328-6669.



## Reduce Air Pollution with a New Electric Lawn Mower

Did you know... a typical gas mower can emit the same amount of ozone-forming gas in one hour as a new car driven 340 miles?

Trade in your old gas powered lawn mower and buy a new electric mulching mower at a \$100 discount at the Lawn Mower Exchange. Contact RecycleWorks at 1-888-442-2666 or [www.RecycleWorks.org](http://www.RecycleWorks.org) for details on this event. Available to San Mateo County residents only - bring proof of residency.

Date and Time: Saturday, May 15, 8 a.m. - 11 a.m.  
Location: Home Depot, 2001 Chess Dr. San Mateo, CA 94404  
Cost of Electric Mower: \$179 retail price - \$100 discount = \$79 plus tax. Sponsors: San Mateo County RecycleWorks & Bay Area Air Quality Management District



55% of Atherton's streets are in the "good" range and need to be sealed to maintain their condition. The cost per street is less, but there are more streets that need work.

A Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) study shows that \$9.1 million dollars is needed over the next six years for rehabilitation to create sustainable street pavements. \$3.3 million is budgeted in the current Parcel Tax, leaving \$5.8 million needed over the next four-year parcel tax. A parcel tax at current levels, combined with Measure A, Gas Tax and Road Impact Fees, can provide this level of investment. At the end of the fourth year, the level of investment in pavements can be reduced to sealing streets to maintain their good condition, with a long-term program for rehabilitation of streets as they reach the end of their useful life.

#### *Drainage*

A principal cause of pavement deterioration is water from rainfall, from groundwater pumped from residential sub-drains, and from irrigation runoff flowing along the pavement edge of many Atherton streets. Floodwaters, such as occur along El Camino Real and adjacent streets in severe storms, contribute a great deal to deterioration of pavement.

The Town commissioned a drainage study in 2001 to evaluate the drainage

needs on El Camino Real, Middlefield Road and various other problem areas throughout the Town. The estimated cost of these improvements, excluding Atherton Channel improvements, was over \$17 million. The El Camino Real system was rated as the highest priority, with approximately \$5 million needed to provide a pipe system from El Camino Real to the Atherton Channel.

In 2003, the Regional Water Quality Control Board modified the San Mateo County National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. This permit required a revised Stormwater Management Plan. Provisions of the plan now require the Town to reduce runoff from newly constructed impervious areas, such as homes and streets. This can be accomplished by detention systems. New residential properties in Atherton are required to build detention systems. In the future, the Town will be required to reduce runoff levels by retrofitting streets with detention systems.

Detention systems will help keep the Atherton Channel from overflowing. Most drainage systems in Atherton flow to the Atherton Channel. The Channel has the capacity to handle a 100-year storm, but will flood in a storm of an intensity much greater than 100-year. Incorporating detention systems into all drainage projects will reduce the flows to the Channel during these severe

storms. Oversizing the storm drains to provide detention storage capacity will significantly increase the cost of the storm drain improvements contemplated by the study. The Town believes that flood safety provided by adding detention to the system is worth the cost. However, if the funding levels remain the same, no funds for drainage and detention improvements will be available under the current or renewed parcel tax.

For the interim, Public Works has implemented a shoulder maintenance project to divert water away from the pavement and support the pavement edges, reducing deterioration under normal water flows. Drainage improvements can then be accomplished by subsequent Parcel Taxes once the street pavements are rehabilitated to a sustainable level that no longer requires such higher investment levels.

At its upcoming April 21, 2004 meeting, the City Council plans to discuss and set public hearing dates regarding the placement of the Parcel Tax renewal on the November 2, 2004 election ballot. Check with the City Clerk at 752-0529 for hearing dates and notices of upcoming public meetings regarding this issue.

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## Construction Parking Amendments Take Effect

*Recently a Town ordinance amended Chapters 10 and 15 of the Atherton Municipal Code relating to construction regulations and parking within the Town of Atherton. The most significant change relates to Section 15.40.152 Construction, operation and parking plan. This Section requires that prior to submitting plans for a building plan check, the owner of any property shall submit a construction, operation and parking plan.*

The spirit of the ordinance was to put in place a cooperative effort to meet the needs of the residents, police department, and building/planning, and work together with the contractor in reducing the strain on the neighborhood streets due to construction parking. The parking plan shall provide for on-site parking or parking within the right-of-way only in front of the construction site, and on the same side of the street as the construction. The purpose of this requirement is to avoid congestion and damage to landscaping and improvements.

The Ordinances amending Sections 10.16.040 and 15.40.040 of the Municipal Code may be read on the Town of Atherton web site under "Municipal Code." For specific questions, please contact the Building Official Mike Hood at 752-0560 or Police Chief Bob Brennan at 743-0506.

**This new ordinance affects only projects for which building permits were issued after February 20, 2004.**

## Enjoy a Class at Holbrook-Palmer Park

*The following is the current schedule of classes held at Holbrook-Palmer Park. Contact the instructor directly at the number listed under his/her name for more information and registration fees.*

### Jacki's Aerobic Dance

Classes begin with a warm up of light cardiovascular routines, moving to floor work, Vertifirm with hand-held weights (optional), heart rate booster, aerobic routines, and end with a cool-down period.

**Tue & Thurs 8:00 - 9:00 am**

**Contact: Sharon 343-5909**

### Kinetic Energy Hour

Low-impact aerobics, Shiatsu (Japanese finger pressure therapy), ballet movements and floor exercises to recreate your body and aid in the discovery of perfect body alignment, recharge your energy and promote a healthier, more beautiful you!

No dance experience required.

**Mon & Wed 8:30- 9:45 am**

**Contact: Kimiko 326-7182**

### Yoga - Morning Stretch

Classes include the discipline of Yoga postures and physical exercises which encourage stretch, flexibility, and stamina. The classes incorporate exercises for maintaining optimum back health, and participants are introduced to relaxation and stress management techniques.

**Tuesdays 10:00 - 11:00 am**

**Contact: Lynn 369-5196**

### Ballet

Ballet Mistress Kimiko Sugano, advisory member to the International Ballet Competition, presents the Peninsula's most comprehensive program of ballet instruction.

**Mon & Wed 4:00 - 5:30 pm**

**Tue & Thurs 4:00 - 6:30 pm**

**Contact:**

**Kimiko 326-7182**



### Lady's Highland Dance

Enjoy this combination of ballet, country dancing and Scottish highland dancing which combines fun movements with a great way to exercise. Classes are for women only and drop-ins are welcome to watch the dancers in action. The new class starts in September.

**Tuesday 7:00 - 8:00 pm**

**Contact: Jo 328-0474**

### Tennis Lessons, Tournaments and Summer tennis Camp

Individual and group lessons may be scheduled. Call Tennis Pro for information about upcoming tournaments. **Tennis keys are available at the Park Office: 752-0534 Residents \$150.00: non-residents \$200.00**

**Contact: Alan Margot, Tennis Pro**

**752-0540**

### International Folk Dance

Participants can dance their way "around the world" at the Carriage House. Learn dances from places you have only traveled to or dreamt of visiting. Build a basic dance repertoire.

Previous dance experience is helpful but not necessary.

**Wednesdays 7:45 - 10:00 pm**

**Contact: Suzanne 854-3184**

### Stroller Strides

This is a fitness class where mom can workout with her baby. It's a great way to get in shape, be with your baby and meet other moms! The classes consist of power walk combined with body sculpting exercises using tubing, the stroller and the environment. The classes are designed to accommodate all levels of exercisers.

**Mon. Wed. & Fri. 11:30 am**

**Contact: Jennifer (888) 593-2635**

### Scandinavian Dance

Enjoy Scandinavian couple turning dances with recorded and live music. Instruction is at the beginner-intermediate level. Bringing a partner is not required.

**Fridays 7:30 - 10:00 pm**

**Contact: James 323-2256**

### Dog Training Classes

Offerings include a puppy class featuring obstacles and agility, a beginners' class, and an intermediate class with "canine good citizen" certification. Classes offered quarterly. Minimum dog age is 3 months.

**Mondays 6:30 pm & 7:30 pm**

**Contact: Bari 851-5500**

### Yoga Soul

Vinyasa Flow yoga classes are held each Wednesday in the Carriage House. All levels are welcome.

**Wednesdays 6:15 - 7:30 pm**

**Contact: Rebecca 996-8196**

### Team Sheeper

Stationary Bike Workout takes place in the Carriage House Monday nights. Bring your bicycle and it will be made stationary for the workout.

**Mondays**

**Contact: Tim or Carol 369-7946**



## New Selby Lane School Website

Atherton's Selby Lane School is proud to announce its new

website, which can be found on the internet at [www.selbylane.rcsd.k12.ca.us/](http://www.selbylane.rcsd.k12.ca.us/). The site includes an attendance area map, the Principal's Bulletin, as well as information about how to volunteer at the school. Check it out and support our local schools!

## Spring Brings a Buzz of Activity to Selby Lane School

*Selby Lane School Principal Bernie Vidales sends continued thanks to Town of Atherton residents who contribute to Atherton's Selby Lane School.* The school has received another iMac computer thanks to Bob Jenkins, several P.E. equipment donations from Trish Turner and a generous donation of time and energy from retired Landscape Architect, Jim Ransaoff, for his input into Selby Lane landscaping improvements. With community members' involvement, the school is continuing on its path to improvement.

On March 2nd, the school celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday. Town resident Mindy Perez-Rubio, sporting a Cat-In-The-Hat hat, volunteered to read in one of our kindergarten classrooms. The children appreciated her time and the opportunity to meet one of our neighbors.

In cooperation with the Atherton Tree Committee, the Selby Lane PTA will be hosting an Earth Day Tree Planting and Clean-up Day at the school on April 24th. Several trees will be planted in the children's playground area providing shade and beauty for our students.

The school has also successfully announced its partnership with Selby Education Foundation (SEF) at a March 11th Community Meeting. SEF is working to galvanize community interest in raising awareness of and support for school programs. SEF will hold its First Annual Carnival at the school on May 1, 2004 - watch for more details. The SEF was incorporated in 2003 with a commitment to assisting the educational opportunities at Selby Lane School, and promoting an awareness of the need for community involvement and support for the school. Mara McNeal is the President of the SEF and may be contacted at 368-3996 for more information about the organization.

The Selby Lane School library has recently launched its Donate-A-Book Program to help fill in some of the gaps in the school library's collection.

Interested contributors can come by the library to select a desired book off the shelves for donating—the books have been pre-selected to fit the needs of the collection. Contact Selby School Librarian Linda McCoy for a direct donation at 368-3996 or [lmccoy@rcsd.k12.ca.us](mailto:lmccoy@rcsd.k12.ca.us). The suggested donation for a single book is \$25.

To help facilitate discussion and generate ideas about how to increase our school library book collection, Town resident Francesca Eastman hosted a wonderful lunch at Trinity School for Selby Lane School staff, PTA members and SEF Board members. In addition to the great food, the group received some good ideas and will be implementing some of them during the coming weeks.

Thanks to a generous gift from Andi Okamura and Jeff Chambers, both Town residents, Selby Lane has been able to implement a computer-based reading tutoring program, TutorWorks, during the after school program. This program will provide intensive tutoring to students in grades 3 and 4 to improve their reading achievement.

The school is pleased with the increased involvement of Town residents in the school.

## PAL Scholarships

The Life of a Student Athlete is Never Easy...But if You Win a P.A.L. Scholarship, it May Ease The Burden!

It is never easy to juggle school and sporting activities together, but if your goal is to attend a 2- or 4-year College or University, the Atherton Police Activities League Scholarship could be for you!

To be eligible, you must meet the following requirements:

- Participate in sports or community service
- Graduating high school senior
- 3.0 GPA or higher
- Be College-Bound

Three graduating seniors will be selected to each receive \$5,000 scholarships.

For an application, please contact Jennifer Frew at the Atherton Police Department, 752-0503.

The PAL Scholarship deadline is April 23, 2004.

## Dames Annual Spring Luncheon

The Atherton Dames are happy to announce their annual Spring Luncheon on Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. For details, contact Pattie DeWalt at the Park Office, 752-0536.

## The Library Presents "Final Friday Flicks"

The last Friday of every month, the Atherton Library will host a free film showing at 7:30 p.m.

### Upcoming Movies:

April 30: *Cats Don't Dance (1997)* a 76 minute animated musical for the whole family.

May 28: *Shrek (2001)* an animated fairy-tale involving a big green ogre, a talking donkey, a beautiful princess and a mean dragon.

Good entertainment for the whole family!  
Free refreshments.



# CERT Training Comes to Atherton

The Winter 2004 issue of the *Athertonian* highlighted the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), which is a training program to help residents become self-sufficient following a major disaster. The program was developed by the Menlo Park Fire District in partnership with the Atherton Police Department and teaches participants how to develop neighborhood teams, cross-trained in basic emergency actions. Participants can learn hands-on disaster skills that will help them as members of an emergency response team and/or as a leader directing untrained volunteers during an emergency.

There is no cost to residents who wish to enroll in the neighborhood CERT training program. The training consists of a 15-hour program broken into six classes.

The Atherton Civic Interest League (ACIL) has been active in bringing CERT to Atherton, and encourages all residents to consider the free training as a way to contribute to community safety.

**CERT Training is coming to Atherton on the following dates and times:**

Location: Holbrook-Palmer Park

**Wednesday Evenings:**

September 22, 2004, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.  
- Welcome to CERT; Earthquake Awareness

September 29, 2004, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.  
- Fire Safety, Basic Disaster Skills

October 6, 2004, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.  
- Medical

October 13, 2004, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.  
- Light Search and Rescue

October 20, 2004, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.  
- Team Organization and Management

October 27, 2004, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.  
- Skills Development and Application

*If you are interested enrolling in the CERT classes, contact Carol Parker of the the Menlo Park Fire District at 688-8415, or e-mail [cert@menlofire.org](mailto:cert@menlofire.org).*

## Employee of the Quarter

Detective Kristin Lee was awarded Employee of the Quarter for her outstanding job as a Police Detective. Just some of her accomplishments which were noted by her fellow employees include:

- Election as President of the Atherton Police Activities League
- Lead investigator of Identity Theft cases
- Lead investigator in computer crimes against children
- Hosted a Town-wide meeting on crime prevention
- Strong work ethic, positive demeanor and enthusiastic
- An emerging leader in the organization



Detective Kristin Lee

Congratulations, Kristin, and keep up the good work!

## Help Sponsor the Atherton Police Explorers Post

The Atherton Police Explorer Post donated nearly 650 hours during 2003 in projects ranging from parking and security for various events to holiday food drives. With your help, in July 2004, members of this program hope to travel to Nevada for the Western Regional Law Enforcement Explorer Conference.



Thanks to our community, the Police Department has sponsored this youth program since 1970 which helps high school and college-age young people learn about town government, citizenship, and community service. Some go on to careers in law enforcement, but most use this program as

a constructive learning experience during young adulthood. The program's current Advisors, Atherton Police Dispatcher Joanne Thomas-Smith and Atherton Police Officers Mario Garcia and Dean DeVlugt help provide a positive experience during these challenging years.

The Western Regional Conference will provide an opportunity to interact with young people from all over the Western U.S., as well as educational programs and competitive events centered around law enforcement skills. Your tax-deductible contribution to the Atherton Police Explorers, c/o the Police Activities League at Atherton P.D., will help assure the members are able to benefit from this great opportunity.

*If there is any way the Explorer Post, the Police Activities League or the Police Department can help you, please give us a call or visit the Atherton Police Department at 83 Ashfield Road, 688-6500.*

# D.A.R.E. Car Restored

The Atherton Police Activities League (PAL) has completed the restoration of a 1966 Ford Mustang for use by the Atherton Police Department in the department's Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) Program. The vehicle was donated to the Town of Atherton by Council Member Alan Carlson. This vehicle was in rather poor condition upon receipt, but with the assistance of two volunteers, this high-profile DARE vehicle is ready to visit local schools in support of our ongoing drug and alcohol education programs.

PAL volunteers Skip Mills and Ken Bowers have spent hundreds of hours restoring the Mustang. Although many agencies in the State have classic

DARE cars, we are certain that our Mustang is indeed one of the finest. The car will soon be entered into classic car and DARE vehicle contests.

Many thanks to the Atherton residents who support the Atherton Police Activities League. The PAL is still in need of financial support to keep this vehicle in our schools. Donations may be made to the Atherton PAL, in care of the Atherton Police Department, 83 Ashfield Road, Atherton, 94027.



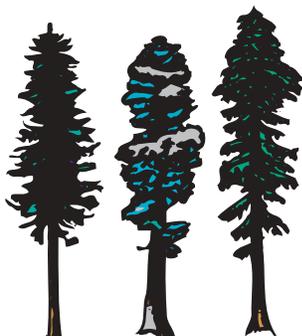
*Volunteers Skip Mills and Ken Bowers proudly display their labor of love, the newly restored DARE Mustang.*

# New Guidelines for Tree Preservation

*The Atherton City Council recently adopted new guidelines to improve the protection of trees on construction sites.* The new standards and specifications for tree protection are the Town's primary regulatory tool to avoid significant negative impacts to trees from construction related activities. The new rules require the applicant to hire an arborist to review their plans prior to submitting plans to the Town Building Department. Getting the arborist involved in the planning stages of the project should address conflicts before they arise in the field and the damage is done.

A Subcommittee was appointed by General Plan Committee Chair Phil Lively to review the new guidelines. After a year of

revising and editing the document, the Town would like to thank Subcommittee Members Jim Ransahoff, Shirley Carlson, Marion Oster and Town Arborist Kathy Anderson for their efforts to create guidelines that architects, contractors and homeowners can use to increase the survivability of trees during and after construction. The standards and specifications are necessary to implement the Town's Heritage Tree ordinance by providing protection standards and best management practices. By assuring preservation and protection through regulations and standards of care, the existing tree canopy cover will continue to define the unique character of Atherton.



# Park Landscape Master Plan Underway

At a joint meeting of the City Council and the Park and Recreation Commission on March 2, 2004, a proposal for a Landscape Master Plan was presented by Denise Kupperman and Joan Dolan.

The Master Plan would be an overall layout plan describing potential future landscape improvements to Holbrook-Palmer Park, which would serve as a cohesive vision and guiding document for the future development and preservation of the Park. Ms. Kupperman and Ms. Dolan have proposed to donate their time to the Town for this endeavor. A "Design Charette" is planned for all day Saturday, May 1, 2004 (time to be set) which would give community members an opportunity to participate in an open design workshop and develop ideas which will be considered for inclusion in the Landscape Master Plan. Questions regarding the proposed Holbrook-Palmer Park Landscape Master Plan may be directed to Duncan Jones, Public Works Director, at 752-0532.



**BIG DADDY JAZZ**  
is coming on Father's Day, Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup>  
Noon to 4:00 p.m.

Holbrook Palmer Park  
150 Watkins Avenue, Atherton

*featuring:*  
Menlo/Atherton HS Jazz Band  
United States Air Force Commanders  
Jazz Ensemble  
and  
A Surprise Headliner to be Announced

Artistic Director: Dr. Herb Wong

*Bring a chair, your lunch or enjoy  
the Big Daddy lunches and beverages*

admission \$15 adults;  
children under 10 free

A project of the  
Atherton Arts Committee.

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

## News from the Atherton Arts Committee

*The Atherton Arts Committee is pleased to announce the appointment of two new Committee Members, Diane Crittenden and Joan Sanders.*

This year, the Committee has produced two major events for Atherton: Ballet San Jose Silicon Valley under the artistic direction of Dennis Nahat, and Tiffany & Co., Design through the Decades, with Giles Marsden, director of Tiffany & Co. At the Tiffany event, guests were able to purchase Tiffany Flora and Fauna books, with the proceeds benefiting the Committee. The annual Big Daddy Jazz event returns on June 20th with the Menlo/Atherton Jazz Band, the United States Air Force Jazz Band and a surprise jazz Headliner to be announced.

Art in the Park continues to bring innovative art classes to children ages 3 to 8 through the leadership of teacher Marni Tuel. The spring programs will be announced shortly. For the summer, the Arts Committee will offer a variety of exciting classes for young children. And for ages 5 through 12, the Summer Art in the Park will introduce a new blend of learning. For the first time in this area, Lego® will be taught as an introduction to simple engineering and design. Alec Shullman, Stanford engineering graduate, will conduct the classes. Early sign-ups for these classes and the other summer classes for younger children are essential. Atherton residents will receive full information about all class schedules in the mail.

Please contact the Arts Committee at  
482-9824 for more information.

# Atherton Library Children's Programs Spring/Summer 2004

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

May 24 - MAGIC SHOW with "Magic Dan" 45 minutes - all ages

June 14 - "Songs & Music Games to Tickle Your Funny Bone," with Singer, BONNIE LOCKHART. 45 minutes - all ages

June 21 - MAGIC WORKSHOP with Magic Dan for ages 7 and up. Registration required. 45 minutes.

June 28 - LEOPARDS, ETC., Live Wild Cats. One hour - all ages

July 5 - GERMAR THE MAGICIAN. 45 minutes, all ages

July 12 - BHARATANATYAM, a classical dance of South India with SWETHA DIXIT. One Hour - all ages

July 19 - DERIQUE, a Vaudeville comedian, introduces his hip style of circus arts and slapstick comedy. One-hour, ages 5 and up.

July 26 - "Funny Stories from Around the World" with Storyteller, CAROLYN POWER. 45 minutes; ages 4 and up

August 16 - "Reading Circus" with BOSWICK TURNSTYLE - juggler, clown and magician; 45 minutes, all ages

*All programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Atherton Library.*

## SPRING STORYTIMES

Tuesdays, March 23 - May 11

ITSY-BITSY (Infants to 3)

Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m.

PRESCHOOL (Ages 3 to 6)

Tuesday afternoons at 3:30 p.m.

## SUMMER STORYTIME

Tuesdays, June 15 - July 27

ITSY-BITSY (Infants to 3), Tuesday

mornings at 10:30 a.m.

## SUMMER READING CLUB

Children K-8<sup>th</sup> grades are invited to register in the "LAUGH IT UP AT YOUR LIBRARY SUMMER READING CLUB."

Registration commences on Monday, June 14. Readers will decide on a reading goal of four or more books based on their reading ability. For the listeners or non-readers, parents will set a goal of 10 or more books and

read to their child. Those who reach their goal will receive a book and other prizes. The Club ends July 31.

## TEEN SUMMER READING CLUB

June 14 - July 31, Grades 7-12;

required to read 6 books receive prizes.

## READING PATCH CLUB:

Grades 4-7. Meets on Fridays at 3:30 p.m. beginning on Friday, June 18. Last meeting will be on Friday, July 30. Required to read five books. Meetings will involve book-related activities, such as book discussions, read-alouds, games, and creative arts and crafts. Earn reading patches and other prizes. Registration starts June 14.

## CELEBRATE "DAD AND ME" AT THE LIBRARY with COTTON CANDY EXPRESS

on Monday, June 7

from 7-8 p.m. Enjoy the rhythms of rock, reggae, and hip-hop.

Bring the whole family.



## MENLO COLLEGE NEWS

### President of Menlo College Resigns

Atherton's Menlo College will soon be searching for a new President as Dr. James Waddell has announced his intention to resign as President effective June 30, 2004. Dr. Waddell has served as President since 1994, and is leaving his post to pursue writing, teaching and research. During his tenure, Dr. Waddell led initiatives that increased student enrollment, funded major campus program, and further developed the institution's core mission and distinctive academic curriculum. He was also instrumental in developing key exchange relationships for faculty and students with prominent international universities. The College will commence a national search for a new President this June.

### Thank You PAL!

The Atherton Police Activities League (PAL) recently provided financial support for Selby Lane School's physical education program which recently suffered cuts in funding.



The normal cost for a Physical Education teacher is \$12,000 for Grades K-3. The Atherton PAL contributed \$1,000 toward that cost. PAL was grateful to receive hundreds of handwritten thank you letters and drawings from the children at Selby Lane School.

# CALENDAR

Call 752-0529 for information on changes and special meetings



<b>April</b>	21	City Council	7:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
	27	Arts Committee	7:00 p.m.	Admin. Offices Mtg. Rm.
	28	Planning Commission	6:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
<b>May</b>	5	Waste Reduction Comm.	10:00 a.m.	Admin. Offices Mtg. Rm.
	5	General Plan Comm.	6:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
	5	Park & Rec. Comm.	6:30 p.m.	H-P Park, Main House
	19	City Council	7:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
	20	Tree Committee	4:00 p.m.	Admin. Offices Mtg. Rm.
	25	Arts Committee	7:00 p.m.	Admin. Offices Mtg. Rm.
	26	Planning Commission	6:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
	31	<b>Memorial Day - Town Offices Closed</b>		
<b>June</b>	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
	16	City Council	7:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
	17	Tree Committee	4:00 p.m.	Admin. Offices Mtg. Rm.
	20	Big Daddy Jazz Event	Noon - 4:00 p.m.	Holbrook-Palmer Park
	22	Arts Committee	7:00 p.m.	Admin. Offices Mtg. Rm.
	23	Planning Commission	6:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
	29	Audit Committee	5:00 p.m.	Admin. Offices Mtg. Rm.
<b>July</b>	5	<b>Independence Day Observed - Town Offices Closed</b>		
	7	Waste Reduction Comm.	10:00 a.m.	Admin. Offices Mtg. Rm.

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