

Athertonian

Atherton Newsletter



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On Tuesday, August 5, 2014 the Town of Atherton hosted its first National Night Out.

National Night Out is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support and participation in crime efforts, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community relations, and let criminals know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. This community event allowed residents to connect with their neighbors, learn about crime prevention, enjoy some BBQ, and all kinds of family fun! The event was a huge hit among Atherton residents and their families. To view the photo gallery please visit www.ci.atherton.ca.us/gallery.aspx?AID=3.



Now the Town wants to hear from you. What types of community events and activities do you want to see in the future? Please take our online opinion poll and let us know. We look forward to hearing from you. www.ci.atherton.ca.us/index.aspx?NID=370.





New APD Officers

Officer Jason Bollendorf comes to us from the San Jose Police Department with 20+ years of experience as a Field Training Officer, Bomb Technician, and Police Academy Instructor. Jason also served in the Army National Guard where he rose through the ranks to Staff Sergeant. His Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) was Combat Signaler/Communications Chief in charge of radio and telephone operators responsible for relaying messages for field commanders.

Officer Jeff Rickel is also a veteran San Jose Police Officer with 20+ years of experience. As a Sergeant of police, Jeff served in the Field Training Officer program (FTO), Investigations Unit at the City Attorney's Office, Employee Background Unit, Financial Crimes/Burglary Unit, Crime Prevention Detail, Youth and Family Services Bureau, Police Academy coordinator, Instructor and Reserve Training Officer (RTO). He was also a member of the SJPD Honor Guard and Day Watch Rapid Deployment Team, and trained as a Peer Support Counselor.

We are very fortunate to have Jason and Jeff join the Atherton Police Department. They bring a level of education, training and experience not often found in new police officer hires, even for experienced lateral hires.



New School Resource Officer



Please help us welcome Officer Daniel Larsen to his new assignment as the Atherton Police Department's School Resource Officer. Largely due to budget constraints and staffing levels, this position has been vacant for more than 4 years.

Officer Larsen comes to us with previous experience as a police officer with the San Carlos Police Department and the University of California Police Department. His previous work includes eight years as a community service officer and more than five years as a peace officer (including one with the Atherton Police Department). Officer Larsen's experience at a university based Police Department, combined with his calm demeanor, make him a natural fit for the position.

Officer Larsen will act as the primary liaison between the Atherton Police Department and all nine of our schools. His goal is to help each school develop and implement programs specifically geared towards school safety. We are confident that in his new role, Officer Larsen's presence will strengthen the relationship between the Atherton Police Department, the schools, and our community.

The Atherton Arts Foundation has had two successful Art Shows this year. The first, show entitled, "Art: Eccentric, Eclectic and Electric," was held in early June. It featured art by Caroline Mustard (Original iPad Art), Amy Da-Peng King (Chinese brush painting), Wayne Dollemore (City street photos and more), and Terri Wilson Moore (Fanciful oils and pastels). A demonstration of iPad art with her paintings using this technology were given by artist Rose Offner.



The 10th Annual Atherton Art Exhibit with a wide variety of two dimensional art styles, colorful palettes, and diversity of design was presented September 5th at Holbrook Palmer Park's Jennings Pavilion. Featured artists included: Florence de Bretagne, Jim Caldwell, Larry Calof, Bob Joyce, Michael Killen, John Peck, Kathleen Podolsky, Linda Salter, Margaret Sloan and Annette Tan. A special presentation, "Fabulous Illusions and a Virtual World" (Creating 3D Computer Art), was presented by artist, Shaowei Liu.



The Foundation not only plans to sponsor future Art Events but also to continue to acquire art works for Town buildings and for the Park. In the past year it acquired two large sculptures for the Park by Brian Tedrick and Felipe Castañeda, both of whom are prominent artists. To move forward with its artistic goals and aspirations the AAF board seeks your support and involvement in the Atherton Arts Foundation.

If you are interested in joining our board, donating art work to Atherton, or becoming a member of the Foundation, please contact Betty Ullman at arts@athertonartsfoundation.org.

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HPP Foundation Fundraisers

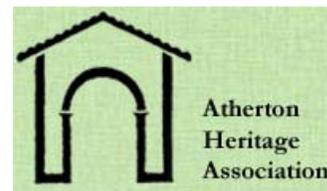
The first general meeting and luncheon on the 2014-2015 Program of Events is on October 30th at the Sharon Heights Golf and Country Club where Mary Hughes, founder and principal of Closing the Gap will speak.

The Atherton Dames will provide two highlights for the holiday season. A Holiday Centerpiece Workshop lead by the extraordinary flower and event planner Kathleen Deery, will be held on December 4th at the home of an Atherton Dame. No experience is necessary to create the perfect holiday centerpiece for your home. This workshop proves to be a perfect event to welcome the holiday season. The Annual Children's Holiday Tea will take place in the Pavilion at Holbrook-Palmer Park, on Sunday, December 7th at 11 am. All proceeds from Atherton Dames events benefit Holbrook-Palmer Park.

To learn more about the Atherton Dames, purchase tickets for upcoming events or to become involved in this growing vibrant organization please visit our website at www.athertondames.org.

From the Heritage Room...

The Atherton Heritage Association is working to collect information, pictures and documents on the Town, past and present residents and events. We are located in the Atherton Town Hall. Join us on a Tuesday from 10 until noon or call 650-688-6540 for more information. We also have the Atherton history book, Under the Oaks, 200 Years in Atherton by Pam Gullard and Nancy Lund available for \$65.00.



Civic Center Master Plan Status

The Civic Center Master Plan is moving ahead following its acceptance by City Council at its March 19, 2014 meeting. In July, City Council awarded a contract to Mack5 to serve as the Project Manager. The Council hired Mack5 before hiring an architect in order to emphasize that the project's budget is paramount. Mack5 is assisting staff in refining the process to hire an architect to assure that the Town receives the right mix of professional advice and at a reasonable cost.

The next task in the process is meeting the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This law mandates that a project's impacts be evaluated in a number of categories such as traffic, noise and historical significance in order to determine if any mitigating action is needed in order to proceed to construction. The City Council will be reviewing the recommended environmental consultant at their September Regular Meeting.

The Master Plan's proposed new Civic Center will be home to City Administration, the Police Department, and Permit Center; as well as a new "town green" and Library. In the next several months, the CCAC expects to interview architectural teams and recommend one of them for approval by the City Council. The architectural team will be contracted to prepare conceptual designs and verify the project's budget. To learn the latest developments, view information under the Civic Center Project tab on the Town's Website.

Bike Path

Atherton's bike path on Middlefield Road has been improved with the installation of new striping and a splash of color. In response to concerns raised by commuting cyclists, the Town hired Alta Planning and Design, a nationally known bicycle consultant, to recommend upgrades to the heavily used intersection of Middlefield Road at Marsh Road. Alta's plan was implemented August 19, 2014, to better guide cyclists and motorists through the intersection. The work includes the first use in Atherton of fluorescent green paint, a recent innovation to improve safety through better visibility of bike paths. The work also includes the installation of a sign showing a bicycle and two chevron arrows, called a "sharrow" which advises motorists and cyclists to share the road. The Town directed the contractor to paint the intersection improvements as a test of the new paint and markings. If deemed effective, more of these "sharrow's" and more green paint or thermoplastic markings will be installed on roads selected by City Council from a list of potential improvements developed through Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan.



Traffic Question



The Atherton Police Department encourages everyone to walk and drive safely, as well as follow all traffic laws. With this in mind, see if you know the answer to the below question:



Question: Do pedestrians always have the right of way?

Answer: Not always - it depends on the situation and the surrounding conditions.



Under California Vehicle Code section 21950(a), the driver of a vehicle shall yield the right of way to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within any marked crosswalk or within any unmarked crosswalk at an intersection.

However, under California Vehicle Code section 21950(b), the pedestrian must use due care for his or her safety, meaning that no pedestrian may suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle that is so close as to constitute an immediate hazard. Furthermore, no pedestrian may unnecessarily stop or delay traffic while in a marked or unmarked crosswalk.

Under California Vehicle Code section 21954(a), every pedestrian upon a roadway at any point other than within a marked crosswalk or within an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection shall yield the right of way to all vehicles upon the roadway so near as to constitute an immediate hazard.

Furthermore: California Vehicle Code section 21950(c) states that the driver of a vehicle approaching a pedestrian within any marked or unmarked crosswalk shall exercise all due care and shall reduce the speed of the vehicle or take any other action relating to the operation of the vehicle as necessary to safeguard the safety of the pedestrian.

Lastly, under California Vehicle Code section 21951, whenever any vehicle has stopped at a marked crosswalk or at any unmarked crosswalk at an intersection to permit a pedestrian to cross the roadway the driver of any other vehicle approaching from the rear shall not overtake and pass the stopped vehicle.

If you have a traffic question you would like answered, send your question to Sgt. Anthony Kockler at akockler@ci.atherton.ca.us. He will try to answer as many questions as possible. Also, look for more traffic questions and answers in upcoming issues of The Athertonian.

Town Hall and Post Office Closures

- Monday, October 13—Columbus Day (no construction)
- Tuesday, November 11—Veterans Day (no construction)
- Thursday and Friday, November 27-28—Thanksgiving (no construction 27th only)
- Wednesday, December 24-Friday, January 2— Christmas and New Years (no construction December 25th and January 1st only)



**** As with any closure, the Police Department remains unaffected****



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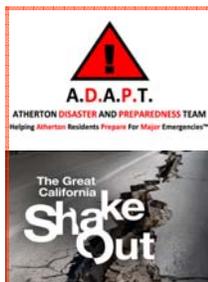
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Millions of people worldwide will practice how to Drop, Cover and Hold On at 10:16 a.m. on October 16 during the annual Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drill, which started in California in 2008.

Participating is a great way for your family or organization to be prepared to survive and recover quickly from big earthquakes – wherever you live, work,