

On **28 August** I met with George, Cary (the subcommittee members) and Marshall Moran (SBWMA) as part of the rate review process. Marshall confirmed that Atherton has a surplus on it's rate collections. This surplus could become substantial by the end of 2014. The team also reviewed the SBWMA's projections of our costs moving forward through the end of our current contract. This run indicates that some increase could be needed in the next 3-4 years.

The team discussed the potential of reserving some of the surplus against future increases as well as the potential of a rate reduction. Town finance staff have been requested to prepare several scenarios for the team to review later this month in preparation for an October Council discussion item.

On **5 September**, I attended the Arts Committee's annual Art Show at HPP. The show was well attended and three Atherton residents participated along with other artist from throughout the San Mateo and Santa Clara county regions. Additionally visitors from around the Bay area also visited our park and pavilion.

The pavilion area did not show well as the front entrance area had not been well maintained although the event had been reserved for quite sometime. Below are some photo's of the garden areas. The garden was not weeded and the roses all had dead flowers on them-not attractive at all.

Care should be taken to address this for any advanced booked reservation to ensure our Park is shown off properly.



While there it was also suggested I visit the pavilion kitchen which is in terrible shape. The counters are made of differing materials and in one place actually prevent drawers from opening (see photo). Additionally the oven handle was a wire and the dishwasher which was removed awhile back due to it's inoperative nature, has never been replaced. Additionally there is no freezer, only a side by side refrigerator. Below are a few photo's of this facility. Clearly this is an area which needs attention.

