



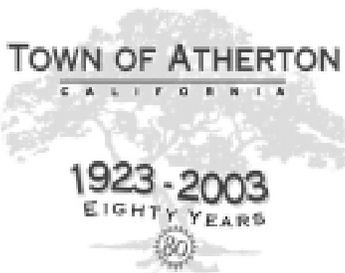
ATHERTONIAN

Quarterly Newsletter for Atherton Residents

Summer 2003

Celebrate the Town's 80th Anniversary in September

The Town of Atherton turns 80 this year!



A commemoration celebration will be held on the anniversary of the date of incorporation, September 12th, at Holbrook-Palmer Park in Jennings Pavilion. Please plan to join in as the Atherton Dames coordinate an event with other Town community groups during the evening of Friday, September 12, 2003. The theme will be in keeping with the 1920's era of incorporation. As of this writing, plans are currently being finalized. Contact Patti DeWalt at the Park Office for more information, 752-0536, and look for updates on the community calendar on the website, www.ci.atherton.ca.us.

The Town of Atherton was incorporated on September 12, 1923 by a group of property owners who desired to maintain their community as a strictly residential area, and was named after Faxon Dean Atherton who had been one of the first property owners in the south Peninsula.

Town Anniversary Sweatshirts

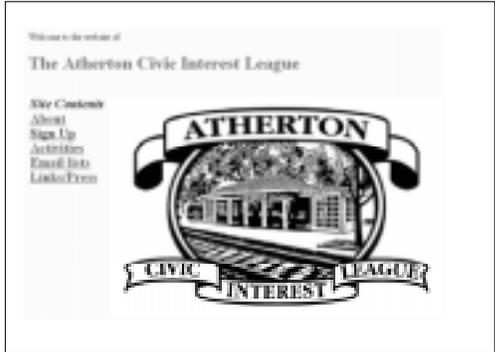
In commemoration of the Town's 80th Anniversary this September, sweatshirts with the 80th Anniversary logo will be available for purchase at cost from the Town. The sweatshirts will feature the logo (see above) and should be available by the end of July. The cost at this time is estimated to be \$25 each (actual cost will be available at time of purchase). If you are interested in purchasing a sweatshirt, please contact Kelli Robertson, Public Services Assistant, at 752-0500. Payment by check is preferred. If we run out of sweatshirts, please place an order with Kelli and a second order will be placed with the manufacturer.

New ACIL Website

The Atherton Civic Interest League (ACIL) would like to inform all Atherton residents of its new website, at:

www.athertoncivicinterestleague.org

The site contains information regarding the ACIL's events, press articles, how to join, and a sign up for their e-mail list serve.



Dedication of the Bill Derringer Memorial Garden at the Atherton Library

In memory of Bill Derringer, Atherton resident, local landscape designer, and library patron and enthusiast, a new garden is being planted at the Atherton Library through donations from family and friends. Bill designed many gardens in Atherton, and the new planting will make use of his favorite plant material and some plants from his garden. A dedication service for the new Bill Derringer Memorial Garden is scheduled for Saturday, September 13 at 3:00 p.m. at the Library at 2 Dinkelspiel Station Lane.

For more information about the dedication, please contact the Friends of the Atherton Library at 328-2422.

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The Menlo Park Fire Protection District Announces Election Filing

The Fire District serves the communities of Atherton, East Palo Alto, Menlo Park and areas of San Mateo County. Candidate filing is open July 14 through August 8, 2003. Interested individuals should contact Fire Chief Paul Wilson at 688-8400 or paulw@menlofire.org. You can make a difference in community life safety and fire protection as a Fire District Board Member.



Does the Police Department Have Your House Keys?

The Atherton Police Department maintains a safe and secure file of residents' keys. This allows you to come to the Police Department and borrow your key, should you accidentally lock yourself out of the house. Should there be an emergency in your home, police officers can use your keys to gain entry into your house without force and possible damage to property. Should you wish to have your house key on file, please bring a spare set of keys to the Police Department. Should you wish to retrieve your keys, please be sure to bring proper identification with you to the Police Department. **For further information, contact the Police Department at 688-6500.**



Status of Comcast Cable TV System Upgrade

The Town of Atherton, as part of a Joint Powers Agreement with the cities of Palo Alto, Menlo Park, East Palo Alto, and portions of San Mateo and Santa Clara counties, provides cable television services to residents through a franchise agreement with Comcast Corporation (previously AT&T Broadband). The franchise agreement was entered into in 2000 and requires that an upgrade of the cable system be completed by July 23, 2003. The upgrade includes installation of fiber-optic cabling and will give the system improved signal quality, greater reliability and enhanced services. The Atherton portion of the project began in late 2002.

During construction, interruption in service is expected. Comcast has attempted to minimize the duration and number of outages any one customer experiences. Efforts are being made to complete any service interruptions prior to 5:00 p.m. Residents will be notified of planned outages by notices placed on doors 48 hours in advance.

Once the upgrade is completed, customers should experience fewer outages and a better audio and video performance. High-speed cable modem connections to the Internet as well as High Definition Television (HDTV) will be available.

The latest report from Comcast ensures that the project is on track and is expected to be completed by late July. **For more information or questions regarding the system upgrade, call Comcast at (800) 945-2288.**

Vacation Check Service

With summertime here, many families will be taking vacations and leaving their homes unoccupied. If you would like the Police Department to check your home during your absence, you may file a vacation check form by visiting the Police Department at 83 Ashfield Road or on line at www.ci.atherton.ca.us. On the Town's website, click on "Police Department" then "Internet Services for Atherton Residents" then select "Online Vacation Check Form". This form may be submitted electronically or you may print it and file it in person. The Police Department will check for anything unusual or suspicious at your home during your absence. Please note that this service is to be used in the event that no one is staying at the house in your absence and would not be applicable if you have a housesitter on the premises.

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

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

Lights, Camera, Read!

Summer Reading and Listening Clubs

Preschool through 8th grades ■ Registration continues through August 2

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.

Teen Summer Reading Club

Grades 7-12. Sign up at the library or online at <http://smcl.org/libraries/ath/events/teen.html>.

Required to read at least six books at your reading level. Write or draw a response. Turn in your responses to the Library no later than September 6, 2003. Written responses may be e-mailed to athref@plinfo.org. \$10.00 gift certificate and other prizes will be awarded to finishers.

Reading Patch Club

Grades 3-7. Meets on Fridays at 4:00 p.m. 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 three-year olds continues on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. through August 6.

Free Internet Classes at the Library

Saturdays - Beginning Class meets at 10:00 a.m.; Intermediate Class meets at 11:00 a.m. Sign-up in advance. No classes July 12 and July 19.

Friends of the Atherton Library has a bestseller browsing collection – good for summer reading and a serendipitous experience!



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS:

Mondays at the Library @ 4:00 p.m.

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.

ALL PROGRAMS ARE SPONSORED BY THE FRIENDS OF THE ATHERTON LIBRARY

Be Pool Safe this Summer!

■ The Atherton Municipal Code and State law require a lockable pool cover, a six-foot fence around the pool or a six-foot fence around the property. Fences should have no openings larger than four inches.

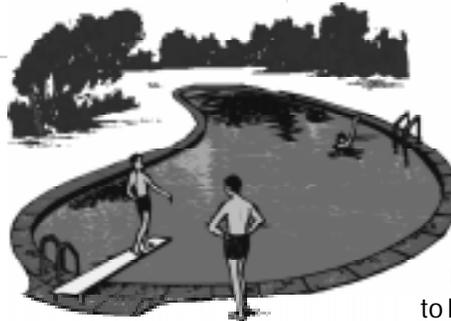
■ The area adjacent to the outside of the fence must be free of objects which may aid children in climbing over the fence. These include items such as chairs, tables, and tree branches.

■ Gates should be self-closing and self-latching, opening outward away from pool.

■ A gate latch should be placed at the top of the gate and be inaccessible from the outside by small children.

■ All doors and windows leading to the pool should always be secured and locked at all times.

■ Additional "layers of protection" include safety covers, alarms on doors and motion-detection devices.



■ Remember that pool covers, gates and other layers of protection do not replace adult supervision.

■ Never allow young children to be left alone in and around the pool for a moment. Make sure an adult is always present.

■ Never rely on flotation devices or swimming lessons to protect a child. Sadly, 25% percent of all drowning victims have had swimming lessons.

■ Keep a telephone in the pool area. Post the 9-1-1 emergency number on the telephone.

Remembering pool safety is an essential part of an enjoyable and safe summer.



Update on Public Works Construction Projects

The summer construction season is underway, and the Town of Atherton Public Works Department has several construction projects either in progress or getting ready to start.

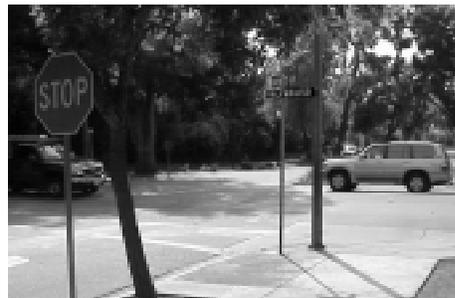
Atherton Avenue: The reconstruction of Atherton Avenue from Stern Lane to Linda Vista Avenue began in early June and will continue into July. Atherton Avenue will be closed to through traffic while the roadway is being excavated, re-compacted and repaved. The closure is already underway and will continue through much of July. Atherton Avenue traffic is being detoured using Selby Lane and Polhemus Avenue. Drivers may also wish to use either Stockbridge Avenue or Valparaiso Avenue to avoid the construction area.



Residents on Atherton Avenue between Alameda de las Pulgas and Linda Vista Avenue are requested to enter and exit using Alameda de las Pulgas. Residents between Selby Lane and Stern Lane are asked to use Atherton Avenue at Selby Lane. The contractor, G. Bortolotto & Company will assist residents between Stern Lane and Linda Vista Avenue with access to property. The contractor sent letters to each resident with contact information, and can be reached at 595-2591.

Elena Avenue Box Culvert: The large (5 feet by 12 feet) box culvert where the Atherton Channel crosses under Elena Avenue, between Atherton Avenue and Isabella Avenue, will be replaced starting shortly after the bid is awarded by the City Council on July 16.

The street will be closed during the removal of the existing culvert, and construction of the new culvert and pavement. Elena Avenue traffic will be detoured to Barry Lane. Residents along Elena Avenue will have restricted access to their driveways and will have to use Barry Lane to get to the other side of the Channel.



The new culvert is wider and taller than the existing culvert (7 feet by 16 feet). The road will be raised by 0.63 feet where it crosses the culvert. The road will be reconstructed for 75 feet on either side of the culvert to match the new grade. This project is expected to take about six weeks.

Valparaiso Avenue/University Drive Traffic Signal: The City of Menlo Park will take the lead in a joint project with the Town of Atherton to install a new traffic signal at the intersection of Valparaiso Avenue and University Drive, with a fourth leg for the entrance to Menlo School. The signal will have protected left turns in both directions on Valparaiso Avenue.

Construction is expected to begin in August. There will be occasional street or lane closures while the contractor installs mast arms that hang over traffic. These closures will be planned for low traffic times.

Street Corporation Yard: The Town of Atherton Street Corporation Yard, located across from the Library along Dinklespiel Station Lane will undergo modifications starting in August. A new building providing crew space, locker rooms, bathrooms and a meeting area to house the crew will be constructed. The old building will be modified to provide better year around use, including a work porch roof so certain work can be performed outdoors in the winter. Other modifications also will be included to enable more efficient tree waste recycling and an overall better yard operation. The general public should notice no reduction in service levels during this construction.

Big Daddy Jazz

The Atherton Arts Committee held its Big Daddy Jazz concert in the park on Father's Day, Sunday June 15th.



Welcome Our New Police Explorers

Meet the newest Atherton Police Department Police Explorers: Genevieve Chognard, Justin Rugeiro, Chris Caldwell, and Samuel Zats. They recently graduated from a nine-week explorer academy, where they were instructed in various law enforcement and search and rescue subjects.

Genevieve and Justin also just attended and graduated from a four-day course in June along with Joanne Thomas-Smith, Police Dispatcher, at the Advanced Academy held in the Santa Cruz Mountains.

This event was attended by explorers and advisors from throughout California. This academy included advanced instruction in all areas of law enforcement, including involving the explorers in "live" scenarios. Samuel and Chris will be attending a one-week camp as counselors for high-risk juveniles in July, also to be held at the same camp in the Santa Cruz Mountains.



Police Chief Bob Brennan with Genevieve Chognard, Justin Rugeiro, Chris Caldwell, and Samuel Zats.

Dispatcher Joanne Thomas-Smith serves as the advisor to the Atherton Police Explorer Program, which is aimed at young people interested in exploring a career in law enforcement. Contact Joanne at the Police Department, 688-6500, for more information.

Employee of the Quarter

One of the Town's newest employees, Kelli Robertson, was nominated by her fellow employees as Employee of the Quarter. Kelli is the Town's Public Services Assistant and serves the residents at the front counter, handles the one-person Post Office, and is the voice you hear on the phone when you call the city hall's main number. Kelli's co-workers had this to say about her: "It takes a special person with a lot of patience to work with the public every day and keep their cool under pressure," "She is well-liked by her co-workers and willing to help others," "A real team player," "Her demeanor provides a positive experience for post office customers." Keep up the good work, Kelli, and we are lucky to have you on board!



New Employee

In February, Jason Yoakam joined the Town as our newest Police Officer. Formerly with the Redwood City Police Department, Jason holds college degrees in Journalism and Anthropology from Chico State University. Jason is fluent in Japanese and is a black belt in karate. Besides the martial arts, in his free time he enjoys playing the guitar, reading and hiking. He and his wife Takako reside in San Carlos. Welcome Officer Yoakam!

Building Activity Update

During the next few months, the area around Valparaiso Avenue, Park Lane, and Elena Avenue will be active with construction projects.

Sacred Heart is working on a track and tennis court complex. Soon they will start a new 350 seat theatre project as well. Other significant construction activity includes the following projects:

■ **The Menlo Circus Club** is working on the second phase of a total remodel and addition to the clubhouse.

■ **Menlo School** will demolish Patterson Hall and the Florence Moore building and construct a new 90,000 square foot classroom complex. They are currently placing approximately 20 temporary modular classrooms in the circular, entrance driveway area.

■ New homes will continue on Emilie, Isabella, and Camino al Lago and Camino por los Arboles.

Construction activity will continue at an active pace throughout Town but the above described projects will put an unusually large number of construction vehicles in a relatively small area. Please plan your transportation with this in mind.

Annual Tree Awards

Do you have a special tree on your property? The Atherton Tree Committee is accepting nominations for the 13th Annual Tree Awards program. Eligible trees are any species that meet one or more of the following criteria: outstanding specimen; unique in size, age, species or historical significance; and/or a grove of mature trees native to this region. Nomination forms are available at the Town Administrative Offices, the Permit Center and on the Web at www.ci.atherton.ca.us. The deadline for entry is 5:00 p.m., August 29, 2003. **For more information contact Kathy Hughes Anderson, Town Arborist, 752-0526.**

Fire Safe Landscaping:

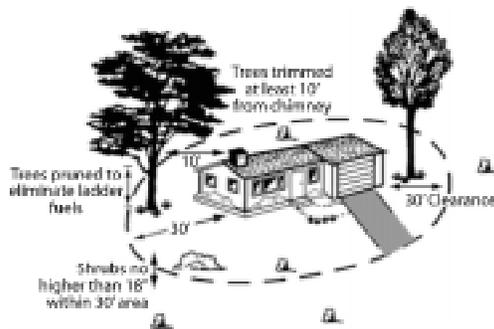
How to Protect Your Property Against Wildfire Destruction

Advice from the Menlo Park Fire District

Defensible space is the base around your home that will give firefighters a fighting chance against fire. It means clearing all dry grass, brush and dead leaves at least 30 feet from your home, and at least 150 feet if you're on a hill. Defensible space and a fire safe landscape doesn't mean a ring of bare dirt around your home. When establishing your landscape, keep trees furthest from your house, shrubs can be closer, and bedding plants and lawns are nearest the house. Your home may be the biggest investment you ever make. Protect that investment by following these steps.

Planning

Assess your fire risk. Is your home on a hill? Are you near highly flammable native vegetation or drought-damaged ornamental plants? If your answer is yes, your fire risk is greater than average. Plan your landscape to reduce the amount of flammable vegetation nearest your home. Establish defensible space. Consider consulting your local nursery or a landscape contractor to help plan your landscape.



Spacing

Eliminate the "fire ladder." Fire needs fuel to burn. You can sap its strength by robbing it of the continuous sequence of vegetation that can carry flames from your landscape to your house. Group plants of similar height and water requirements to create a "landscape mosaic" that can slow the spread of fire and use water most efficiently. Space trees at least 10 feet apart, and keep branches trimmed at least 10 feet from your roof. For trees taller than 18 feet, prune lower branches within six feet of the ground. Install fire resistant, drought-tolerant plants that have a high moisture content. Use plants that do not accumulate dead leaves or twigs. Use masonry or stone walls to separate plant groups and add variety to your landscape.

Watering

Choose the right irrigation system. While all plants will eventually burn, healthy plants burn less quickly. Your plant selection and water availability will determine the right system for you. Consider drip irrigation for watering most of your landscape. It's effective and conserves water because it targets where the water goes and how much gets there.

Maintenance

Keep your landscape healthy and clean. On a regular basis, remove dead branches, leaves and pine needles from your yard. These can serve as added fuel to a fire. Prune and thin shrubs, trees and other plants to minimize the fuel load. Be diligent about cleaning up, especially during fire season. Remove dead leaves from under the plants as well. Involve your gardener. If a gardener cares for your property, ask him or her to include these regular maintenance steps as part of the routine service.

For additional information please call the Menlo Park Fire Protection District, Fire Prevention Division, at 688-8425.

News from Selby Lane School:

Introduction of IBP Middle Years Programme

*by Carolyn Williams
Vice Principal, Selby Lane School*

The International Baccalaureate Programme, founded in 1968, is a nonprofit educational foundation based in Geneva Switzerland. It grew out of international schools' efforts to establish a common curriculum and university entry credential to meet the needs of children who moved from country to country and school system to school system. There are 1,425 IB schools in 115 countries and 65 IB schools in California. Sequoia High School in Redwood City is authorized to begin the IB Diploma Programme for grades 11 and 12 in 2003-2004.

Selby Lane School in Atherton, in partnership with Sequoia High School, is investigating the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme. The Middle Years Programme is designed especially for middle level students in grades 6 through 10. The specific goal of the Programme is to deliver academically challenging curriculum and life skills in a developmentally appropriate manner. The Middle Years Programme is founded on four basic principles: Intercultural Awareness, Interdisciplinary Perspective, Communication and High Academic Standards. In addition, the Middle Years Programme focuses on eight academic subjects taught separately but with an emphasis on their interrelatedness. The eight academic subjects are Language A, Language B, Humanities, Science, Mathematics, Arts, Physical Education and Technology. The Middle Years curriculum provides a rigorous, well-rounded approach in learning.

The next steps for Selby Lane include a consideration and feasibility study, one year of planning and implementation of the Programme, the application process in partnership with Sequoia High School and authorization and evaluation by the IB organization. Selby Lane will begin the process of becoming an IB school by introducing the Middle Years Programme in the sixth grade next year. In the 2004-2005 school year the Programme will include the seventh through tenth grades.

More information on the International Baccalaureate Programme can be found at www.ibp.org

Disaster Preparedness Focus of ACIL Annual Town Meeting

On Thursday evening, May 22, 2003, the Atherton Civic Interest League (ACIL) held its 56th Annual Atherton Town Meeting in Jennings Pavilion at Holbrook-Palmer Park. The Mayor and City Manager provided updates on Town projects and finances, and the ACIL presented its annual awards and updates on special projects. The main focus of the evening's program was "Disaster Preparedness and Response" which featured representatives from the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, San Mateo County Sheriff, Menlo Park Fire District, Atherton Police Department, and the American Red Cross. All speakers echoed the necessity of making adequate preparations in one's home in order to be ready for any type of emergency, be it a natural disaster, man-made disaster, or a terrorist act.

All of the emergency disaster personnel agreed that during the first 72 hours after a disaster, the public safety agencies will be overwhelmed with handling the most critical life-threatening calls, and thus, will not be able to handle all of the calls from residents that are less than life-threatening. All residents are therefore encouraged to have on hand at their homes the necessary supplies to enable them to cope with a disaster for at least 72 hours. Residents will recall that the "It's Up to You for 72" preparedness theme was the subject of a Spring 2003 Athertonian article on disaster preparedness.

Some tips that were shared during the ACIL meeting and in the materials handed out at the meeting include:

- Implement a family support system. Following an emergency, phones may become overloaded, making it impossible to reach family members locally. Have an out of state family member act as a central communications center. Have all work, school, cell phone and pager numbers listed in a handy location and provide copies to all family members and at least one out of state relative or friend.

- Know the location and operation of your gas shutoff valve, water shutoff valve and your main electrical box, as these may need to be switched off following a disaster such as an earthquake.

- Store enough water for at least three days of survival for both drinking and sanitation. A rule of thumb is one gallon of water per person per day.

- Store at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food. Pack a manual can opener and eating utensils.

- Have a first aid kit on hand, and have extra prescription medications stored.

- Cash on hand is recommended as ATM machines and banks do not operate when the power is out.

- Don't forget food, water and supplies for your household pets.

- Following a disaster in or around Atherton, disaster officials may be broadcasting instructions, damage reports and other information over local radio broadcasting station KCEA (89.1 FM). It is possible that normal radio, TV, and telephone communications will be knocked out immediately following any major disaster. Therefore, it is recommended that you have a battery-operated FM radio on hand, and a car FM radio also suits this purpose.

All of the public safety agencies stressed that they have been very involved in training their personnel to handle the modern-day threats that now exist, such as biological-chemical attacks, and how to spot potential terrorist acts. The San

Mateo County Sheriff shared that their department conducts frequent aircraft flyovers of the County to monitor any suspicious aircraft activity.

The American Red Cross reminded everyone of the necessity to give blood. During times of crisis, each blood donation has the power to save as many as three lives. America and our local community needs to have an adequate blood supply available at all times to meet any of the challenges and disasters we might face.

The public safety officials also focused on the necessity of forming neighborhood Community Emergency Response Teams (CERTs) in order to train and set up a response system in a neighborhood where neighbors can help neighbors in the event of a crisis.

For more information on how to prepare your family emergency kit, how to prepare your home, and how to form a CERT neighborhood team, contact the following agencies for materials and information: Atherton Police Department, Sgt. Eric Grimm, 688-6500; Menlo Park Fire District, 688-8400, American Red Cross, (415) 427-8000.

Aside from having written disaster preparedness information available at the meeting, the ACIL has also distributed this information to Atherton neighborhood associations and will be following up with each association over the summer months.

Congratulations to the Atherton Civic Interest League and its President Bob Jenkins on a successful Annual Town meeting, and thank you for providing this free community educational resource on disaster preparedness and response.

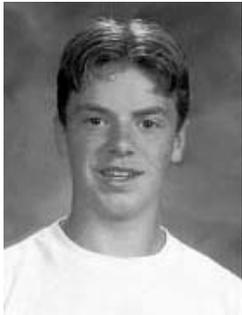
Atherton Police Department Reserve Officer and D.A.R.E. Program Specialist Bruce Potts speaks to students about the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) helicopter which made a special landing at Encinal School in April 2003. As part of the D.A.R.E. program, students learned about the DEA's role in the prevention of drug trafficking and the exciting public safety careers available to young people who stay in school and off of drugs.



Atherton P.A.L. Awards Scholarships

In June, the Atherton Police Activities League (P.A.L.) awarded \$5,000 college scholarships to three graduating high school seniors of the Class of 2003.

The three winners were Pavel Nosovitskiy from Sacred Heart, and Shayna Smith and Jeff Zechnich, both from Menlo-Atherton High School. Below is a summary of each winner's accomplishments along with a quote from his or her personal statement. Requirements of this program are: completion of a P.A.L. application, G.P.A. of 3.0 or higher; college bound; athletic participation; community involvement; personal statement of 250 words; a letter of recommendation, and high school transcripts.



Pavel Nosovitskiy moved to the United States at the age of eight with his parents and younger sister from the Ukraine. The family arrived in San Francisco with few possessions and fewer dollars but with a spirit of adventure and determination. Recently living in Fremont, he commuted over an hour each way to school in Atherton. He maintained a 3.60 grade point average while playing football, tennis, and soccer, and also served on the school newspaper and social committee. Pavel spent many hours on the East Palo Alto

Mural project, guiding 15 six to ten year olds in the design and painting of murals on the walls in their community. He was also a participant in the San Francisco Restoration Project.

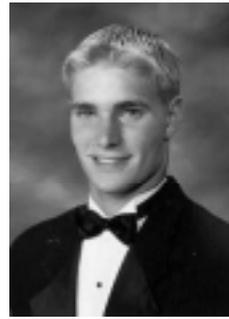
Pavel writes: "In a given family's life, a momentous event can transform its existence and shape its future. For my family, immigration to the United States was the defining moment. Restarting one's life is always challenging and it is vital to develop a sense of belonging in the new surroundings. Efforts to begin anew unite the family, and we, children, realize that hard work and success play a huge role in creating a new life."

Pavel will be attending the University of Southern California studying Electrical Engineering and aspiring to be a Physicist.



Shayna Smith resides with her mother and father and two brothers in Menlo Park. She has set a good example for her brothers by continuing her education at Menlo-Atherton High, participating on the basketball team, and succeeding academically. It is very challenging for a student-athlete to practice each day, play two or three games per week, and then go home and do school work. She has received an honorable mention from the Palo Alto Daily News and the San Mateo Times.

In her spare time, she enjoys teaching kids the art of basketball, how to play as a team, and the fundamentals of playing sports. Her cumulative grade point average is 3.3 and her future includes attending Allan Hancock College in Santa Maria. Shayna writes: "my future goal is to become a Pediatrician and help young children in need. I am aware of all the schooling that is required to achieve my career goals, but I am willing to accept that challenge."



Jeff Zechnich has known the demands of participating in three sports throughout high school limits available time to study, forcing him to manage his time efficiently. For the past four years, he has reported to football or basketball practice six days a week, and to track practice five days a week. His coach stresses the importance

of getting adequate rest and keeping on top of your studies. In his spare time, Jeff also attends weekly meetings for Young Life, a non-denominational Christian ministry youth group. His participation in this group has exposed him to summer camps, and helping to build a home in Mexico for a homeless family. The honors and awards he has received include the President's Education Awards Program, Governor's Scholarship Recipient, the National Honor Society, Most Valuable Player award, and the Christopher Zider Scholarship Award finalist for 2001. His cumulative grade point average is 4.2 and he will be attending University of Southern California in the Fall to study Business with an emphasis in Pre-Med. He would like to continue with Medical School and become an Emergency Room doctor.

Jeff Zechnich writes, "All right Jeff, I know it is getting late, but just give me one more good run through and then we can call it a day." This is something I hear long after the rest of the track team has left and it is just Coach Vic and me working on perfecting my hurdling techniques. Coach Vic's dedication not only enables me to be one of the best hurdlers in the area; it has also taught me that hard work and attention to detail lead to positive results."

ART IN THE PARK

FALL 2003 ■ Sept. 8, 2003 – Nov. 14, 2003

Middle School Mondays ■ Ages 12 - 14
3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday is for Little Hands ■ Ages 4 - 7
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday Workshop ■ Ages 4 - 7
3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Thursday Projects ■ Ages 8 - 12
3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.



To learn more about Art in the Park 2003, go to www.ci.atherton.ca.us/arts
Or request a brochure by leaving a message on the AAC voicemail 482-9824.
Fall courses will be announced soon!

CALENDAR

Call 752-0529 for information on changes and special meetings

July

16	City Council	7:00 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.

August

6	Waste Reduction Comm.	10:00 a.m.	Admin. Offices Mtg. Rm.
6	Park & Rec. Comm.	6:30 p.m.	H-P Park, Main House
	City Council Meeting Cancelled		
22	Arts Committee	11:00 a.m.	Admin. Offices Mtg. Rm.
27	Planning Commission	6:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
28	Tree Committee	4:00 p.m.	Admin. Offices Mtg. Rm.

September

1	Labor Day Holiday – Town Offices Closed		
3	Waste Reduction Comm.	10:00 a.m.	Admin. Offices Mtg. Rm.
3	General Plan Comm.	6:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
3	Park & Rec. Comm.	6:30 p.m.	H-P Park, Main House
17	City Council	7:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
24	Planning Commission	6:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
25	Tree Committee	4:00 p.m.	Admin. Offices Mtg. Rm.
26	Arts Committee	11:00 a.m.	Admin. Offices Mtg. Rm.

October

1	Waste Reduction Comm.	10:00 a.m.	Admin. Offices Mtg. Rm.
1	Park & Rec. Comm.	6:30 p.m.	H-P Park, Main House
13	Columbus Day Holiday – Town Offices Closed		
14	Transportation Committee	6:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
15	City Council	7:00 p.m.	Council Chambers

Join the Arts Committee!

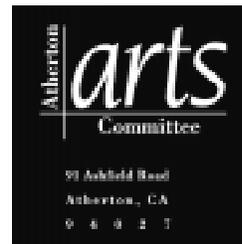
The Atherton Arts Committee has several openings for residents who have a keen interest in being active in providing arts programs to our residents and community.

The Committee provides summer art camps for children, art classes for people of all ages, and coordinates musical and visual arts events for the whole community to enjoy.

If you are interested in volunteering to serve on the Atherton Arts Committee, please contact Sharon Barker, City Clerk, at 752-0529 or e-mail her at sbarker@ci.atherton.ca.us.

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Summer Art Camp 2003



The Atherton Arts Committee is offering studio-art courses all summer long. Interested in learning more about costume design, printmaking, or sculpture?

It's not too late to sign-up now!

To read complete course descriptions please, log on to www.ci.atherton.ca.us/arts or contact the AAC at 482-9824 to request a brochure.

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