



ATHERTONIAN

Quarterly Newsletter for Atherton Residents

Fall 2005

Disaster Can Strike at any Time - Be Prepared

In light of the recent and tragic disaster in the Gulf States, the Town of Atherton would like to remind residents of several important points to help us prepare for man-made emergencies as well as natural disasters.

Here in California, a major earthquake remains our primary concern for widespread damage and disruption of services.

Because of the potential for significant damage and injuries, residents should understand that local emergency personnel will not be available to immediately provide for basic necessities and residents should plan to be self-sufficient for a minimum of 72 hours following a disaster.

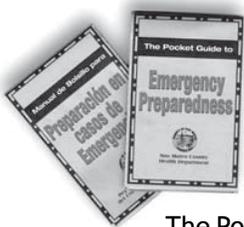
Please keep the following in mind:

1. If government officials recommend evacuating an area because of an emergency or disaster, follow directions and leave as quickly as possible.

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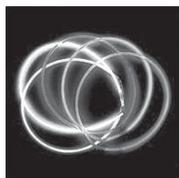
“Pocket Guide to Emergency Preparedness” Available at Town Hall and Library

Earlier this year, the County of San Mateo’s Pocket Guide to Emergency Preparedness was mailed to all residents. In an effort to continue to educate the public about emergency preparedness, the San Mateo County Health Department has now placed copies of the Pocket Guide to Emergency Preparedness in local city halls and libraries.



The Pocket Guide to Emergency Preparedness offers residents valuable information on how to plan for and respond to natural and man-made disasters. Helpful Web sites and phone numbers are also included. Because of its small size, the Guide can be kept in purses or wallets for fast access.

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Halloween Glow Necklaces

The Atherton Police Department has glow necklaces available for children on and before Halloween. The necklaces glow in the dark and last for several hours, including the bewitching hour! The necklaces will be given to kids in place of candy, and are rumored to ward off ghosts and ghouls, as well as

illuminate them for passing motorists.

The necklaces are tri-colored: Boo-ish Blue, Goblin Green and Screaming Yellow, and can be picked up at the front counter of the police station for free and include a list of safety tips for Halloween night. Officers will also be carrying the necklaces with them on patrol. Parents are encouraged to have one for themselves as well as for each of their little ones.

For more information, please contact Officer David Metzger at 323-8471.

Annual Town BBQ “Atherton Express”

*All Aboard to Celebrate
Holbrook-Palmer Park
Foundation’s 40th Anniversary*

Sunday, October 23, 2005

Holbrook-Palmer Park
150 Watkins Avenue

Conductor: Bob Franceschini
4:00 - 7:00 p.m.
China Camp BBQ
Catered by Chef Chu

No Host Bar

Adults - \$27.00
Children under 10 - \$10.00
Children 6 and under - \$6.00

Make checks payable to:
HPPF/Atherton Dames
Visa & Master Card accepted

RSVP to Pattie DeWalt
at the Park: 752-0536

*Sponsored by
the HPPF Atherton Dames and
participating organizations:
ACIL, Atherton Arts Committee,
Atherton Police Dept.*

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Atherton Arts Committee Seeks Members

The Atherton Arts Committee is seeking to expand its committee membership. If you are interested in community arts programs and would like to participate by providing your input and assistance, please contact Linda Kelly at the Town Offices at 752-0546 for an application to join the committee.

Questions About Airplane Noise?

The SFO Aircraft Noise Abatement Office exists to serve you. The Noise Complaint Line is 821-4736; or toll free (877) 206-8290.

The website www.flyquietsfo.com contains information on the following programs.

- **Noise Monitoring System** - SFO maintains a state-of-the-art permanent noise monitoring system to keep track of noise levels in communities around the airport.

- **Residential Sound Insulation Program** - SFO funds one of the most extensive insulation programs in the country.

- **Fly Quiet Reports** - This innovative program is the first in the nation to track, grade and reward SFO's quiet filters.

- **Runway Use** - Monitor how well SFO is doing in achieving a high percentage of over water operations. Find out about the noise abatement procedures designed for each runway at SFO, and when it is possible to use them.

- **Nighttime Runway Use** - SFO has a very specific hierarchy of runway preferences for the especially sensitive nighttime hours.

For more information, contact the Aircraft Noise Abatement Office at 821-5100.

Dog Training Classes Update

Bari Halperin is now offering Rally Obedience, Advanced I and Advanced II (competition class), as well as two beginners classes and two puppy classes at the Park. Minimum dog age is three months. Please contact Bari at 851-5500 for more information.



Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center

The Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center in San Mateo provides conflict prevention, management, and resolution services to the community and promotes the use of non-adversarial processes in a wide variety of situations. PCRC services empower people, build relationships, and reduce violence.

The specific issues PCRC deal with include neighborhood issues like barking dogs, landlord/tenant disputes, building neighborhood coalitions and boosting community efforts, family communications, and service to business.

The PCRC website is www.pcrweb.org and they may be reached at 513-0330.

Bluebirds Being Enticed to Park

The Sequoia Audubon Society, the National Audubon Chapter for San Mateo County, recently installed bluebird nesting boxes at Holbrook-Palmer Park. The installation of nine nesting boxes is for the purpose of encouraging bluebirds to nest in the park. Bluebird boxes have been put in place all over the country as wildlands have been urbanized and trees with natural nesting holes have been removed. It is hoped that by Spring, some of the boxes will have new "residents" to expand the number of bluebirds in our area.

Special Events Rules Revised

The City Council recently amended the Town's Special Events Ordinance which defines special events and governs the holding of special events in town. Here is a summary of the new revisions which will take effect for all events held on or after October 22, 2005.

- **Special events held on private property for one day do not require a permit.**
- For special events held on private property, a special event permit will be required only for those events which are held on two or more consecutive days where members of the general public are invited. These would include home tours, fundraisers, antique shows and similar events when the events are held on two or more consecutive days.
- As is currently the case, a special event permit will be required for all events held in the public right-of-way such as walks, bicycle rides, foot races, block parties held in the street, and the like.
- All special event permits are to be filed with the Office of the City Manager at least two months prior to the event, along with proof of liability insurance in the amount of \$2 million and a permit fee of \$75.

- For events in the public right-of-way, publication of a notice in the newspaper will be required. For events on private property held on two or more consecutive days, notification of properties within a 500-foot radius of the event will be required.

- For non-school related events held at private or public schools, the City Manager is scheduled to return to the City Council at the October 19th City Council meeting with revised guidelines for these types of events.

For any questions, or for a special event permit application, contact Linda Kelly, Assistant to the City Manager/Acting City Clerk, at 752-0546.

TOWN OF ATHERTON

91 Ashfield Road • Atherton, CA 94027

City Council

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

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Kathleen McKeithen, Council Member 321-3633
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Helpful Phone Numbers



(All area codes are 650 unless otherwise noted)

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

County Services

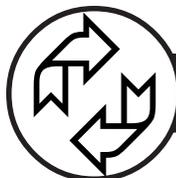
Animal Control.....363-4840
Assessor.....363-4500
Library.....328-2422
Supervisor, Richard Gordon, 3rd Dist.....363-4569
Voter Registration.....312-5222

Menlo Park Fire District

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

Waste/Recycling

Allied Waste/BFI592-2411
Recycling.....637-1411
Fair Oaks Sanitation District.....363-4100
West Bay Sanitation District.....321-0384



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Assistant to the City Manager/
Acting City Clerk 752-0546

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Neal Martin, City Planner 802-4330
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Deputy Town Planner 802-4292

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John Johns, Director 752-0531
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Library

328-2422

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Robert Brennan, Chief 752-0506
General Information 688-6500
Emergency 911

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General Information 752-0500

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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

Heritage Room

Atherton Heritage Association 688-6540

Disaster, continued from cover

2. If you do NOT have a life-threatening emergency, DO NOT CALL 911.

3. Check on your family members and do a quick survey of your home to ensure that no hazards exist. If you believe that your home is not safe to stay in, leave immediately.

4. If you are safe, take a few minutes to check on your neighbors, especially those who may have special needs.

5. Have a 72-hour (preferably one week) kit available for each member of your family. In case you have to evacuate your home, 72-hour kits can be stored in backpacks, plastic trashcans with wheels, or any other easily transportable container. **Those kits should include:**

■ One gallon of water per person per day - don't forget your pets!

■ Prepared foods, such as canned foods and energy bars, to supply nutrition and calories. Be sure you purchase easy opening containers. Try out the food you plan to store to make sure everyone will be willing to eat it when it's necessary.

■ Don't forget to include necessary medications for members of your family with special needs.

■ A flashlight and AM/FM radio with batteries. Store the batteries in a waterproof package and change them every 12 months.

■ At least one change of clothes: include a warm jacket, sweatshirt, or sweater in case it's cold outside. Don't forget a raincoat or poncho.

6. Develop a family communications plan.

■ In most disasters, regular communications will be disrupted and priority telephone and cellular service will be given to government agencies first. Citizens will find it easier to call out of a disaster area than an "outsider" will as they try to call into the area.

■ Designate an out-of-state friend or relative to act as a message center for members of your family. When families are separated, that contact person can gather information about each member of the family whom reports in and can then share information with others as calls are received. Such a plan will help reunite families much faster than relying on emergency assistance agencies.

These are just a few tips on how to prepare for a disaster. **Other tips can be found at the following websites:**

www.redcross.org

www.prepare.org

www.ready.gov

San Mateo County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services

www.smcsheriff.com/oes

The San Mateo County Health Department's Pocket Guide to Emergency Preparedness can be found at the Atherton Town offices and Libraries or online: www.smhealth.org

For additional information about emergency preparedness, please call Sgt. Eric Grimm 752-0520 or at grimm@ci.atherton.ca.us. Information can be mailed to your home, delivered by an officer, or e-mailed.

Pocket Guide, continued from cover

"Our hearts go out to the victims of Hurricane Katrina," said San Mateo County Health Officer Dr. Scott Morrow. "This catastrophic storm of historic proportions serves as a reminder that residents should be prepared for any type of disaster or public health emergency."

The Pocket Guide to Emergency Preparedness was developed by the Health Department and funded through a grant from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. It introduces several important concepts including how to shelter in place and how to access Neighborhood Emergency Triage, Vaccination and Antibiotic Centers (NETVAC).

"I encourage every San Mateo County resident to pick up a copy of this guide at his or her city hall or library and save it for future reference," said Dr. Morrow. "Remember, preparedness begins at home. It can take up to 72 hours and sometimes even longer for the government to mobilize resources. Making a family emergency plan and preparing a kit of emergency supplies are vital to keep your family safe in any emergency."

The Pocket Guide to Emergency Preparedness is available in English and Spanish and can also be downloaded from the department's Web site at www.smhealth.org.

The Pocket Guide provides instructions on where to go, whom to call and where to listen for information and help. You'll also find tips on preparing for emergencies and staying safe when they occur. It's small enough to fit in a purse or wallet, so you'll have it when you need it most.

Copies are available at the Atherton Town Administrative Offices, Police Department and Library. If you would like a copy mailed to you, please call Atherton Town Hall at 752-0500.

The Atherton Police Department, in conjunction with the Atherton Police Activities League (PAL), has kicked off another year teaching D.A.R.E. in our schools. Officer Bruce Potts is again heading this program at Selby, Encinal and St. Joseph's School. A special thanks to Atherton Resident Ben Kopf and Towne Ford in Redwood City for the outstanding body work and paint job on the D.A.R.E. program's 1966 Mustang!



SELBY EDUCATION FOUNDATION MARKS SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENT IN ITS SECOND YEAR

Selby Education Foundation (SEF) is a non-profit education organization dedicated to raising funds for Selby Lane School's academic and outreach programs and committed to the concept that great communities value great schools. SEF marks the close of its second year of operation with significant progress towards helping Selby Lane School become one of those great schools.

This past calendar year, SEF achieved a number of accomplishments, including:

- Successfully sponsored and helped fund the academically rigorous and prestigious International Baccalaureate Program (IBO) at Selby Lane School for the first and second year of candidacy. Introducing IBO's Middle Years Program (MYP) will provide private school quality education at Selby Lane School, leveraging the recent infrastructure improvements to the campus including new classrooms, library and computer learning facilities. In addition to enhancing the educational experience at Selby Lane, school administrators expect that becoming a MYP-accredited school will improve student test scores.

- Sponsored several successful community outreach programs, including a junior career day which enabled Selby Lane 8th graders to see the inner workings of three local companies (Electronic Arts, Telemundo and Hyatt Regency).

- Sponsored more than 200 Selby Lane students to attend school field trips with their classmates. These students, who could not otherwise afford the cost of the field trips, experienced the educational enrichment of the Monterey Bay Aquarium, the Chabot Space and Science Center and a Save the Bay program.

- Awarded eight cash prizes to recognize academic achievement and facilitated the donation of 28 iMac computers to Selby Lane.

"This past year SEF has achieved new milestones in its support for Selby Lane School. After the Redwood City School District parcel tax did not pass, SEF and the local Redwood City and Atherton communities were crucial in helping lobby the district to use the restricted funds to fund many important programs at Selby," said Jenny Redo, SEF's President. "The teachers, students and staff are striving for excellence and making swift and impressive progress towards continuing to improve the school. SEF is delighted to participate in building new programs and assisting the school to reach its funding and educational goals."

"Selby Education Foundation has provided crucial support, both financial and otherwise, to continue Selby's progress," said Bernie Vidales, Principal of Selby Lane School. "The

Selby Lane team and SEF are making great progress in working towards our vision of having a great school for a great community."

ABOUT SELBY EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Founded in June 2003, SEF is a 501(c)(3) independent, community-based non-profit organization run by a volunteer Board of Directors, made up of community leaders. SEF's mission is to improve Selby Lane School, which serves portions of Redwood City and Atherton for K-8th grade. SEF is working in partnership with the Redwood City School District, the community, as well as the teachers, staff, principals, children and parents of Selby Lane School to target specific funding objectives. The District and SEF are committed to raising Selby's academic standing to match or surpass other distinguished schools. Interested donors are encouraged to contribute to: Selby Education Foundation, 50 Woodside Plaza, Suite. 513 Redwood City, CA 94061. All donors will be recognized and the donation is 100 percent tax deductible (Tax EIN 65-1192419).

For additional information,
please visit
selbyeducationfoundation.org.

Update on Water Fluoridation

As many residents are aware, water provided to Atherton residents was due to be fluoridated this year. The Town was recently informed by the San Mateo County Health Department that water fluoridation was delayed until late fall because of a nationwide fluoride shortage. To learn more and for updates, visit the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) online at <http://sfwater.org/fluoride> or call the fluoride toll-free information line at (866) 668-6008.

A limited supply of fluoride around the country is causing an unexpected delay in the fluoridation of the 20% of the SFPUC regional water customers who do not currently receive fluoridated water. This includes Atherton customers in the Cal Water Service/Bear Gulch service area. SFPUC is working to acquire additional supplies as quickly as possible; however, early indications suggest that this may not happen until late fall 2005.

Updates on this issue will be provided in future issues of the *Athertonian*.

ACIL Launches 2006 Membership Campaign

The Atherton Civic Interest League (ACIL) has launched its membership campaign for calendar year 2006, its 60th year. Current and prior members are being requested by the ACIL to rejoin now. Residents who have moved to Atherton within the last year will receive a free membership for 2006. All other Atherton residents are invited to join to help support ACIL projects. In addition, active members are needed to serve on ACIL committees, as well as becoming ACIL Directors.

The basic annual dues are \$25 per family. The ACIL suggests you review the ACIL achievements that are described below and make your contribution based upon the value of ACIL to you and to Atherton. ACIL Directors are all volunteers and administrative costs are minimal, so virtually all funds received are expended to improve our life in Atherton.

ACIL Mission

The Atherton Civic Interest League is beginning its 60th year as an Atherton institution. It was founded in 1946 by a group of prominent town residents who believed the town would benefit by having an organization of resident volunteers separate from the City Council to champion good town government and to protect the town's quality of life. This focus has been maintained. As stated in the current Mission Statement, "The ACIL strives to improve the quality of life in Atherton, to assure effective Town governance, and to advance the civic interests of the residents of Atherton. The ACIL will cost effectively achieve these goals by utilizing capable resident volunteers."

ACIL Performance

The ACIL has continued to promote good town government by advocating resident involvement on the City Council as well as the various Commissions and Committees. Every two years, the ACIL produces the candidates' forum for the Atherton City Council candidates. Over time, many ACIL Directors have been elected to the City Council. In addition, most ACIL Directors are active members of various Town commissions and committees, while certain Directors monitor the agendas and attend all public City Council meetings. Furthermore, ACIL Directors recommended the establishment of, chaired, and primarily staffed the Town Audit

Committee, which was created in 2000. The ACIL is a strong advocate of fiscally responsible short-term budgeting and long-term financial planning. It also promotes the continuing independence of the Town Audit Committee. All important town issues are communicated to Atherton residents through timely articles prepared for the *Athertonian* and the *ACIL Alert*.

The ACIL strongly supported and participated in the campaign for Measure W, the recent Atherton parcel tax renewal. It passed with an 80% approval, the second highest since its inception. The ACIL supported the Redwood City School District parcel tax although, sadly, it failed to pass. Continuing strong support has been given to the retention of Atherton train service (the station is the ACIL logo) and for improved safety at all town rail crossings by installing four-quadrant gates. The ACIL continues to monitor and respond to proposals affecting the Caltrain rail corridor that runs through the center of town.



The ACIL identified the low academic performance problem and has championed the turnaround of the Selby Lane School, the only educational facility of the Redwood City School District in Atherton. As a result of the ACIL Education Forum, the district appointed Bernie Vidales as principal and selected the International Baccalaureate Organization's Middle Years Program for introduction into the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. As funding becomes available, the ACIL will support the addition of lower grade programs that will lead into the IBO program. ACIL Directors supported the establishment of the Selby Education Foundation, a non-profit community organization working to provide academic excellence and enrichment for all Selby Lane students. In conjunction with the Redwood City School District, the Selby Education Foundation is committed to raising the school's academic standing to match or surpass other distinguished schools. Under the new principal's leadership, academic test scores have risen from approximately 400 to the current 709. As a consequence, the ACIL advocated the final selection of Bernie Vidales for the 2005 Distinguished Educator Award by the Harvard Club of San Francisco.

In addition, the ACIL has produced symposia or arranged speakers for crucial/high interest topics such as education, Caltrain/high speed rail, disaster preparedness, Hetch Hetchy water system status, West Nile virus preparedness, and Governor Schwarzenegger's political initiatives. The ACIL also hosted a Town Hall Meeting for Congresswoman and Atherton resident Anna Eshoo.

Financially, the ACIL has provided 'seed capital' investments for projects with a good prospect for a leveraged return. It invested in the formation of the Selby Education Foundation, which has since raised over \$80,000 for the benefit of the school. It also invested in the Middle Years International Bacculaureate Program to encourage academic excellence. Then it invested in a grant writer to raise funds from other foundations and corporations. Additionally, it invested in improving the pathways at Holbrook-Palmer Park, which launched a successful fund drive and achieved matching contributions.

Future ACIL Projects

The ACIL will continue to solicit and support candidates for the Atherton City Council and for all Town Commissions and Committees. In addition, the ACIL will solicit and support candidates for members of other community organizations which affect the quality of life in Atherton such as the Menlo Park City School Board, the Sequoia Union High School District Board, the Redwood City School District Board, the Selby Education Foundation and the Menlo Park Fire Protection District Board. Currently, few Atherton residents are leaders of these crucial organizations.

The ACIL advocates continued cost saving measures within the town government while providing public safety services more efficiently for the residents. The study of a disaster preparedness project has been proposed to implement the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program sponsored by the Atherton Police Department, Menlo Park Fire Protection District, San Mateo County, and FEMA.

The ACIL Board will continue to encourage the City Council, the Finance Committee, and the Audit Committee to seek valid alternative revenue sources for the Town. The ACIL will take an active interest in the proposed development of new facilities for the Town's administrative staff and police department. It may initiate another project to guide residents and their attorneys in the alternatives for charitable contributions to Atherton.

The ACIL continues to work diligently to protect and to improve the quality of life in Atherton. The ACIL is asking residents, friends and neighbors to join the ACIL to support its efforts and provide strong financial support as well. Please view the ACIL website www.athertoncivicinterestleague.org to review the 2005 annual report and for more details about projects. If you have general questions, contact Jerry Carlson, President, at 321-1327 or raljer@ix.netcom.com or for membership questions, contact Membership Chair Bob Jenkins at 328-6669 or rljcompany@aol.com.

Atherton Dames Announces its Upcoming Events

Annual Town Barbeque
Sunday, October 23rd
4:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Holbrook-Palmer Park

■
**New Members Luncheon/
General Meeting**
Friday, November 11th
11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Menlo Circus Club

■
Children's Holiday Tea
Sunday, December 11th
3:00 - 5:00 pm
Pavilion at Holbrook-Palmer Park

■
Annual Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 15th
10:00 a.m. - Noon
Holbrook-Palmer Park.

■
Dames Kitchen Tour Fundraiser
Thursday, April 27th
Atherton Homes
locations to be announced

■
**General Meeting
Luncheon Celebration**
Friday, May 12th
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Location to be announced

■
Co Presidents Luncheon
Friday, June 9th
*Main House at
Holbrook Palmer Park*

■
New Residents' Cocktail Party
Date to be announced

*For more information,
contact Pattie De Walt at the Park
at 752-0536.*

Burn Prevention Safety from the Menlo Park Fire District

Hundreds of thousands of burn victims are treated by doctors or admitted to hospitals for treatment each year. More often than not, these burns can be prevented. Situations and objects that we come in contact with everyday can be the cause of these dreadful wounds. To help avoid burn injuries, we would like to offer the following precautions:

Preventing Hot Water Burns

One of the most common causes of burns in the home is hot tap water. Tap water of 140 degrees will produce a burn in less than five seconds. Water heaters should be set no higher than 130 degrees and bathroom water should be no higher than 120 degrees. Before placing a child in a bath, it is extremely important to check the temperature of the water. Their skin is even more sensitive than an adult's. Remember these guidelines:

- The simplest way to prevent scald injuries in the bathroom is to carefully regulate the temperature of the hot water.
- The proper way to fill a bathtub or adjust the shower is to run the cold water first and then gradually add hot water until you reach the desired temperature.
- If possible, set your water heater thermostat to low, warm or 120 degrees (few people bathe at temperatures above 110 degrees F).
- A severe scald can happen in just the time it takes to answer the phone or doorbell. Although children often cannot distinguish between hot and cold water faucets, they are certainly able to turn a faucet on or off. Supervise your children when using water faucets or teach them how to safely turn them on and off.
- Children should always be supervised while in the tub.

Preventing Cooking Oil Burns

These burns often occur due to getting too close to the burner. When cooking, it is important to be sure to wear clothing with short sleeves. If long sleeves get too close to the burner, they can easily catch on fire. Reaching over the flame while wearing either long or short sleeves can cause a serious burn. This is why it is important to never reach over a stove or store any sort of treat that may tempt a child to reach over one. Remember the following:

- All cooking oils will burn if overheated. Do not leave heated oils unattended!
- If the contents of a frying pan ignite, turn off the heat and extinguish the fire by covering the pan immediately with a lid. Remain calm and do not attempt to remove the burning pan of oil from the stove. Call 911.
- Used cooking oil should be cool before it is poured into any container for storage or disposal.
- Never pour hot oil back into its original container since it is not designed to withstand the high temperatures reached by oils during cooking.
- Keep pot and pan handles on the stove turned in to prevent accidental bumping.
- Keep children away from areas where hot liquids are present.
- Keep appliance cords unplugged and/or disconnected when not in use.

Preventing Grease Fires

- When a grease fire occurs in a pan, slide the lid onto the pan and turn off the heat. Never put water into the hot pan.
- Grease fires in an oven can be extinguished by closing the oven door and turning off the heat.

Burn Prevention

- If clothing catches on fire, **STOP** where you are, **DROP** to the ground and **ROLL** over and over until the flames are extinguished.
- If it is necessary to store gasoline, do so only in an approved metal safety can away from open flames (i.e., water heaters and pilot lights) and out of reach of children.
- Never remove an automobile radiator cap while it is hot. Allow it to cool first and protect your hands and arms when opening it. Never lean over the radiator when opening it...always keep your face away to prevent any liquid from spraying into your face or eyes.

Burn Treatment

- The best treatment for burns, unless they are severe, is to put the burn in cool water and leave it there for a few minutes. This will reduce the temperature and prevent the heat on the skin from burning the skin further.
- If the burn is severe, the victim should be kept warm and taken immediately to a hospital.

For more information on burn prevention safety, please contact the Menlo Park Fire District at 688-8400.

Winter Storm Preparedness

In order to assist residents with preparing for the winter storm season, the Town has a stockpile of sand and sandbags available to Atherton residents, located between the Public Works Corporation Yard and Town Permit Center at 93 Station Lane. Just drive behind the Permit Center at the south end of the Atherton train station parking lot. Sandbags are free to Atherton residents, but residents must bag their own sand (don't forget to bring a shovel!). Please limit yourself to 15 bags, unless there is an urgent need for more.

To reduce the risk of damage due to flooding, residents are advised to take the following measures:

- Pick-up sandbags and sand at the Public Works Corporation Yard if needed.
- Clear debris from gutters and down spouts to assure proper water run-off.
- Do not place trash or debris in the gutters, creeks, or drainage ways in order to keep catch basins and storm drain openings clear of debris.
- Move electrical wires and extension cords off the ground in any area prone to flooding.

As a reminder, property owners and contractors are responsible for keeping vehicles from tracking mud onto the roadway. Mud that gets onto the roadway causes the streets to become slippery and unsightly, and the mud can eventually end up in the Bay. All communities in the Bay Area are required by federal mandate to eliminate or minimize erosion and polluted runoff from construction sites to storm drains and other bodies of water. Most mud entering the Bay this time of year comes from construction sites.

Residents should also be aware that they are responsible for keeping roadside shoulders, drainage ways and gutters cleared of encroaching vegetation, leaves and debris. This is necessary in order to maintain the drainage capacity needed to carry run-off from a winter storm, and to minimize the exposure of public and private property to potential flooding.

For more information regarding sandbags or winter storm preparedness, call the Public Works Department at 752-0570.

Fall Events at the Atherton Library

ITSY-BITSY for ages 3 and younger
Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. - Through November 29

PRESCHOOL for ages 3-6 years
Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m. - Through November 29

MONDAYS @ 4:00 P.M.

October 31 - Puppet Art Theater presents "Frankenswine."
All ages. Halloween treats.

November 14 - Juggler, Comedian, Contortionist and Magician
Jean Paul Valjean. All ages.

December 12 - The Puppet Company presents
"A Time to be Jolly." All ages.

FINAL FRIDAY FLICKS @ 7:00 P.M.

October 28 - *The Incredibles*. 105 minutes. PG Rating.
Meet the world's greatest crime fighting family!

MUSICAL STORYTIME returns:

Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m.

Dates are: October 26, November 9 and November 23. Great stories and songs for the whole family!

Atherton Branch Library

2 Dinkelspiel Station Lane ■ 328-2422

West Nile Virus Update

Here is a California West Nile Virus (WNV) Activity Update from the San Mateo County Mosquito Abatement District:

- 53 out of 58 counties reported WNV activity in California
- 593 human cases in 2005 from 35 counties
- To date in 2005, there have been 9 human fatalities
- 349 horses have tested positive in 38 counties
- 149 of these have died
- 2,219 dead birds in 50 counties have tested positive
- 1,049 mosquito pools from 28 counties have tested positive
- 571 sentinel chickens from 30 counties have tested positive

So far this year, 180 dead birds have been reported to the District. 134 of these were submitted for testing, 6 tested positive for West Nile virus. The species that have tested positive this year include a pine siskin, a mockingbird, a robin, 2 sparrows, and a starling.

The San Mateo County Mosquito Abatement District is an independent, Special District funded by a property tax voted in by individual cities. Its mission is to safeguard the health and comfort of citizens through a planned program to reduce mosquitoes and other vectors in an environmentally responsible manner.

Contact the San Mateo County Mosquito Abatement District for questions about West Nile Virus. Phone: 344-8592

www.smcmad.org



Urn at Catalpa and Acacia

Historic Artifact Project Update

At its meeting of September 21, 2005, the Atherton City Council was presented with the following update on the Historic Artifact Project.

The Town of Atherton retained the services of Laura Jones (consultant) to assess the potential historical significance of artifacts within the Flood

Estate area and throughout the Town. The Study began in June of 2005 with the inventory of artifacts housed in the Atherton Heritage Room. The Study was advertised in the July *Athertonian*. Additionally, Town staff conducted public outreach on the Study by notifying potentially affected property owners of the Study's scope and goals and asking their consent to inventory the artifact(s) on their property. Upon review of the draft list of artifacts, the consultant identified approximately 40 separate artifacts to be addressed.

In July, August, and early September of 2005, the consultant inventoried 20 artifacts in the public right-of-way or on public property, as well as 10 artifacts on private property where owners provided consent for review. The collections of the San Mateo County Historical Museum, Menlo Park Historical Society, Stanford University Special Collections, and California State Library were reviewed for photographs and documents relating to the historic estates associated with the artifacts. Several hundred photographs and documents were found; a detailed guide to those collections will be included in the inventory report.

Experts at the Smithsonian Institution and in private galleries were consulted regarding the significance of several of the artifacts; their contributions will be included in the inventory report as well. The consultant also met with a group of interested citizens who offered advice on the preservation strategies outlined below.

The inventory process is substantially complete. The consultant has collected sufficient information to address the significance of many of the artifacts and to recommend strategies to promote their preservation.

The consultant followed the guidelines of the National Register of Historic Places, the California Register, and the National Park Service's Historic Landscape Initiative. In keeping with standard preservation practice, the consultant began by identifying the periods of significance that set the historic context for evaluating the artifacts. Based on archival research and literature review, the consultant notes that there are three periods of historical development in the Town of Atherton in keeping with broad regional trends in the development of the San Francisco Peninsula (dates are approximate):

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| 1. | Gilded Age | 1870-1900 |
| 2. | Country Place Era | 1900-1930 |
| 3. | Modern Subdivisions | 1930-1950 |

The inventory included artifacts from all three periods. The Study focuses on the artifacts from the two earlier periods due to their relevance with the early settlement of the Town and will identify and describe the specific properties associated with these periods.

Under national and state law, historic resources can be composed of buildings, structures, or objects, including movable objects such as sculptures or urns. The inventory included structures such as gate posts and walls and objects such as urns and lamp posts. In many instances, the artifact is the sole remnant of the historic property. In these cases, the artifact is reviewed for potential to represent the period of significance as well as its individual associations and artistic quality.

In the case of the artifacts in the subdivision of Lindenwood, there appear to be a collection of related artifacts that meet the definition of a historic district (linked by a common history within a defined geographic area). This district is associated with the Flood Estate, which spans both the Gilded Age and Country Place periods. The Lindenwood artifacts will be identified in the inventory as:

Contributing Structures and Objects

These artifacts have integrity, high artistic value, and strong association with the period of significance.

Historic Non-contributing Structures and Objects

These artifacts have had alterations; but if restored, would be significant.

Non-contributing Structures or Objects

There are a few artifacts that date to the period of significance but have been irreparably altered and cannot be restored. This category would also include artifacts (art work, gates, etc.) introduced by property owners subsequent to the period of significance.

In conclusion, the study has identified significant historic resources within the Town worthy of preservation. The consultant will proceed with completion of the inventory report and present a final report to the City Council on November 16, 2005.

While the Council may simply accept the determinations of historical significance described in the inventory and regulate adverse effects when California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliance is required (without adopting further regulations), many of the artifacts will not be protected following this approach as their alteration, demolition, or removal may not involve a "project" governed by CEQA.

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(Historic Artifacts continued)

Results of public outreach with citizens and property owners indicated a high level of regard for the artifacts and interest in their preservation. One key issue for owners of artifacts revolves around the regulation of movable objects, such as statuary, urns, and lamp posts. The study finds movable objects may be moved within their historic context (e.g. the Lindenwood District) without significant adverse impacts to the historic resource, but their demolition or removal from their historic context would create an impact. Mitigation measures could be developed to address some instances of relocation outside of Lindenwood. However, in many instances, relocation of historic resources outside the Town of Atherton may be severely limited under CEQA.

There are some benefits associated with listing of properties on the California and National Registers that may motivate property owners to nominate their artifacts or, in the case of Lindenwood, for a group of property owners to pursue listing as a historic district. Nomination and listing of the artifacts will not, however, insure the preservation of historic artifacts without the continuation of regulations acknowledging the alteration of respective resources as a "project" under CEQA. The most effective method of acknowledging the alteration of a historic resource as a "project" under CEQA and thereby insuring the opportunity for preservation is to require discretionary review (i.e. a Conditional Use Permit). It is highly questionable whether a demolition permit or simple relocation of historic artifacts alone is discretionary. Demolition or relocation of historic artifacts without a requirement for discretionary review means that there would be no guarantee of preservation of historic artifacts.

The City Council is scheduled to consider a continuation of the Historic Artifact Preservation Ordinance at its regular meeting of October 19, 2005.

For further information, contact Laura Jones at 566-5558, ljones@stanford.edu or Julie Cain 725-1016, jcain@stanford.edu.



The Atherton Arts Committee held a very successful Artists Reception for Atherton artists on September 23, 2005.

Eighteen artists were represented, showing traditional and non-traditional art forms as well as mixed media. The Atherton Arts Committee would like to thank the following artists for displaying their work:

Painters: Edith Bergstrom; Nancy Faisant; Ruth Gourdin; Mike Hood; Alice Marston; Scott Mitchell; Sharon Schafer; Annette Tan; Barbara Wright

Photographers: Lenore Horowitz; Charles Marsala; Marc Silber.

Pottery: Tita Kolozsi

Jewelry: Martha Berliner

Print Making & Wood Sculptures: Cosette Dudley

Woodworking: Fred Rehmus

Silk Flowers: Chris Brosterhous

Fresh & Artificial Flowers: Ellenrose Goddard



CHESS FOR FUN ENTERS SIXTH SEASON

Knowledge of basic chess moves is required for enrollment. The program is aimed at beginning level youth in second grade and above. Classes meet one Wednesday each month from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Dates are: November 2, December 7, January 11, 2006, February 1, March 1, April 5, and May 3. The Atherton Police Activities League sponsors this community program. To enroll for this FREE program, please visit the Library or call Marlene Lee at 328-2422.

Kitchen Tour 2006 Save the Date!

THE ATHERTON DAMES ARE CONTINUING THEIR WORK ON PLANNING A FABULOUS KITCHEN TOUR '06 ON THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2006 FROM 10 A.M. TO 3 P.M. THE DAMES HAVE ALREADY HAD A HIGHLY ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE FROM THE COMMUNITY WITH THE LIKES OF MILLER DOLEZAL AND THE DRESSED ROOM PRESENTING SOME ADDITIONAL CREATIVE SPLASHES OF DECORATIVE TABLETOP SETTINGS FOR THE TOUR DINING ROOMS. FOUR FABULOUS KITCHENS WILL BE FEATURED THIS YEAR AND LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OFFERED IN THE PAVILION AT HOLBROOK-PALMER PARK.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE EMAIL OR CALL THE KIT TOUR '06 CHAIR: TERESA DENTINO AT 851-8959 OR EMAIL: TERESA@THEFINANCIAL411.COM.

CALENDAR

For information on changes and special meetings call (650) 752-0500 or check the Town Community Calendar at: www.ci.atherton.ca.us

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October

19	City Council	7:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
20	Tree Committee	4:00 p.m.	Admin. Offices Mtg. Rm.
23	Annual Town BBQ	4:00 p.m.	Holbrook-Palmer Park
25	Arts Committee	1:00 p.m.	Admin. Offices Mtg. Rm.
26	Planning Commission	6:00 p.m.	Council Chambers

November

1	Caltrain Corridor Comm.	7:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
2	General Plan Committee	6:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
2	Park & Rec. Comm.	6:30 p.m.	H-P Park, Main House
11	Veterans Day Holiday – Town Offices Closed		
16	City Council	7:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
17	Tree Committee	4:00 p.m.	Admin. Offices Mtg. Rm.
22	Arts Committee	1:00 p.m.	Admin. Offices Mtg. Rm.
23	Planning Comm.	Cancelled	
24	Thanksgiving Day Holiday – Town Offices Closed		
25	Day After Thanksgiving Holiday – Town Offices Closed		

December

6	Caltrain Corridor Comm.	7:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
7	Planning Commission	6:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
7	Park & Rec. Comm.	6:30 p.m.	H-P Park, Main House
14	City Council*	7:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
22	Tree Committee	4:00 p.m.	Admin. Offices Mtg. Rm.
26	Christmas Holiday Observed – Town Offices Closed		

*The regular City Council Meeting scheduled for December 21st has been moved to December 14th due to the holidays.

January

2	New Year's Day Holiday Observed – Town Offices Closed		
4	Caltrain Corridor Comm.	7:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
5	Waste Reduction Comm.	10:00 a.m.	Admin. Offices Mtg. Rm.
5	Park & Rec. Comm.	6:30 p.m.	H-P Park, Main House
10	Transportation Committee	6:00 p.m.	Council Chambers

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