



# ATHERTONIAN

Quarterly Newsletter for Atherton Residents

Fall 2004

## Town of Atherton Parcel Tax on November 2, 2004 Ballot

*In November 2004, the Town of Atherton will consider renewal of the parcel tax for an additional four years.*

The parcel tax currently is utilized to provide significant funding for the continuation of operating services and continuation of a comprehensive capital program to provide maintenance for street and storm water facilities. Unlike other communities, the Town of Atherton is dependent on property taxes to support basic operations and does not benefit from sales taxes since we are principally a residential community. The current parcel tax, approved in July 2001, is set to expire June 30, 2005. If the parcel tax is renewed, the Town would continue to utilize revenues for the continuation of operating services and continuation of street and storm water improvements.

An extension of the parcel tax would grant the Town the continued authority to levy approximately \$1.8 million in property taxes. However, the actual

amount collected each year would be dependent upon the needs that have been documented through the annual budget process. Additionally, the funds collected and spent are subject to verification through the Town's independent annual audit.

The Atherton parcel tax was originally initiated in 1980 and has been in effect for 22 of the past 24 years. As such, the parcel tax has served as a vital source of revenue to fund capital improvements, public safety and other programs and activities.

Based upon projections prepared by the Finance Department, approximately 50 percent of the proposed parcel tax would be used to fund roads and drainage systems while the remaining 50 percent would be used to support current operations.

## Information Regarding Proposition 1A: Protection of Local Government Revenues

On November 2, 2004, California voters will be asked to consider a ballot measure to protect local government revenues. Proposition 1A would prevent the State legislature from taking and using funds originally committed to local governments.

Proposition 1A would require the State to reimburse local governments (cities, counties and special districts) for the cost of providing mandated programs and services. If the State failed to provide reimbursement to local governments for state mandated programs, the mandate would be suspended, except for specified employee rights and benefits.

Proposition 1A would also provide some flexibility for the State to borrow local government funds in the event of a future state fiscal emergency. The State would be able to borrow local funds if the Governor declared a fiscal necessity and two-thirds of the legislature approved. All funds would have to be repaid within three (3) years.

Over the past dozen years, it is estimated that over \$40 billion in local government revenues have been diverted to the State in order to help it meet its fiscal responsibilities. The State has also borrowed money from

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## Annual Police Department Town Meeting

*Hosted by the Atherton Citizen's Crime Prevention Task Force*



**Major Topic to be presented: Mountain Lions**

- What they do and why they are here
- What to do if you see a mountain lion
- Precautions for you and your family

Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.  
Foley Center, St. Joseph's School  
50 Emilie Avenue  
Atherton, CA 94027

Enter St. Joseph's School Campus on Emilie Avenue (off Valparaiso Avenue). Parking directions will be provided. Presentation is open to residents of neighboring communities.

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## Absentee Ballot Deadline Approaching!

The deadline to apply for an absentee ballot in the November 2, 2004 Presidential General Election is Tuesday, October 26, 2004.

All registered voters are eligible to vote by absentee ballot. For more information, contact the County Elections Department at (650) 312-5222, or visit the Elections website at [www.shapethefuture.org](http://www.shapethefuture.org). You may also obtain an absentee ballot application at the Atherton Town Hall Administrative Offices.

## Free Caltrain Parking at Atherton Station

At their meeting of September 16, 2004, the City Council approved a plan to drop the fifty-cent parking fee at the Town-owned Caltrain parking lot for a six-month trial period. The free parking is intended to help encourage greater ridership and insure the continuation of Atherton's existing Caltrain service. *The free parking will run from October 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2005.*

## Third Annual Green Building Award: 2005

Sustainable San Mateo County Recycle Works, and the San Mateo County AIA Chapter are sponsoring the Green Building Award for 2005 to support sustainable design in architecture and to recognize the designers, builders and owners of green buildings in San Mateo County.

The Green Building Award is open to any building constructed within the last five (5) years and currently standing in San Mateo County. Additions and remodels will also be considered for the award, as reusing a building conserves resources and is definitely a green approach to construction.

## Notes from the Atherton Heritage Association

The Atherton Heritage Association has just completed framing the 1928 map of the Town of Atherton. It is about 60 inches by 90 inches and was framed in memory of Barbara Norris who was one of the Association's founding members. It is now protected and hanging in the Council Chambers Conference Room at 94 Ashfield Road, and will be enjoyed by residents for many years to come.



## PD to Deploy New Radar Speed Displays

In an ongoing effort to reduce vehicle speed and educate drivers throughout town, the Police Department has purchased three (3) new radar speed displays that will be placed in locations throughout Atherton. These new speed displays will be mounted on poles at locations where ongoing speeding complaints occur. These new

devices not only have the ability to show the speed of vehicles, but can generate written reports on speed patterns. This can assist in the appropriate deployment of traffic officers for enforcement purposes. These speed displays are portable, therefore they can be moved to different locations where a pole has been installed. For further information, contact Sergeant Steve Snider at (650) 688-6500.

## Your Display at Town Hall

The display case in the lobby of Town Hall is available for community organizations to use to promote a special event or just to exhibit an interesting display. If you or your interest group has materials suitable for display, please contact Kelli Robertson, Public Services Assistant, at 752-0500. Use of the case is on a space-available basis and is limited to those subjects that are of interest to all Atherton residents. The Town reserves the right to decline requests to display inappropriate or questionable material.



The Green Building Award winner will be selected by an independent panel of recognized professionals in the disciplines of green and sustainable construction. The award will be presented at a celebration dinner in early 2005 as part of the annual Sustainable San Mateo County Awards Program.

**Applications must be received by  
November 29, 2004 at Sustainable**

**San Mateo County offices.** If you would like to receive your submittal back, it may be picked up at the office in early January. Submittals not retrieved by January 31, 2005 will be recycled. For more information, please call Jill Boone at (650) 599-1433.

**Deliver to:** Sustainable San Mateo County, 177 Bovet Road, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor San Mateo, CA 94402

# 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

**Kathleen McKeithen, Mayor** ..... 321-3633  
term expires 11/2004 *kmckeithen@ci.atherton.ca.us*

**William R. Conwell, Vice Mayor** ..... 368-0994 (wk)  
term expires 11/2006 *wconwell@ci.atherton.ca.us*

**Alan B. Carlson, Council Member** ..... 408-998-4150 (wk)  
term expires 11/2006 *acarlson@ci.atherton.ca.us*

**James R. Janz, Council Member** ..... 325-8666 (wk)  
term expires 11/2004 *jjanz@ci.atherton.ca.us*

**Charles E. Marsala, Council Member** ..... 328-7113  
term expires 11/2006 *cmarsala@ci.atherton.ca.us*

## 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

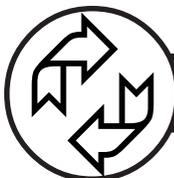
Animal Control.....363-4840  
Assessor.....363-4500  
Library.....328-2422  
Supervisor, Richard Gordon, 3rd Dist.....363-4569  
Voter Registration.....312-5222

### 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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## DIRECTORY

Contacts & Telephone Numbers

**Main Number** ..... 752-0500  
**Fax Number** ..... 688-6528  
**e-mail** ..... [atherton@ci.atherton.ca.us](mailto:atherton@ci.atherton.ca.us)

**Animal Control** ..... 363-4840

### Building

Mike Hood, Bldg. Official ..... 752-0523  
Information/Inspections ..... 752-0560  
Daily Inspection Schedule ..... 752-0561

### City Attorney

Marc Hynes, City Attorney ..... 967-6941

### City Manager

Jim Robinson, City Manager ..... 752-0504  
Linda Kelly,  
Assistant to the City Manager/  
Acting City Clerk ..... 752-0529  
Greg Sam, Interim  
Assistant to City Manager ..... 752-0546

### City Planner

Neal Martin, City Planner ..... 802-4330  
Lisa Costa Sanders,  
Deputy Town Planner ..... 802-4292

### Finance

John Johns, Director ..... 752-0531  
Paula Pierce,  
Acting Assistant Director ..... 752-0519

### Library

..... 328-2422

### Police

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

### Post Office

General Information ..... 752-0500

### Public Works

Duncan Jones, Director ..... 752-0532  
Steve Tyler, PW Superintendent ..... 752-0541  
Information/Permits ..... 752-0570  
Jean Cardona,  
Park Program Mgr. ..... 752-0534  
Kathy Hughes Anderson,  
Town Arborist ..... 752-0526

### Heritage Room

Atherton Heritage Association ..... 688-6540

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local governments, leaving cities, counties and special districts short of funding for all their services including fire, police, parks and libraries. At the same time, the State has also imposed mandated programs and services on local governments that are partially funded or not funded at all by the State.

Earlier this year, another ballot measure, Proposition 65 was placed on the ballot by many of the same groups that are now supporting Proposition 1A. All of the official proponents of Proposition 65 are now supporting Proposition 1A, and opposing Proposition 65. This was part of an agreement reached between the coalition of local governments and Governor Schwarzenegger for the governor to support Proposition 1A in return for a one-time local government transfer of \$2.6 billion over the next two years towards the State budget deficit.

### The official ballot language for Proposition 1A will read:

*"Should local property tax and sales tax revenues remain with local government thereby safeguarding funding for public safety, health, libraries, parks, and other local services? Provisions can only be suspended if the Governor declares a fiscal necessity and two-thirds of the Legislature concur."*

A "YES" vote of this measure means: State authority over local government finances would be significantly restricted.

A "NO" vote of this measure means: The state's current authority over local government finances would not be affected.

*If you would like more information on Proposition 1A, the Secretary of State and League of Women Voters lists the following contact information for the proponents and opponents of the measure:*

#### Proponents:

Yes on 1A Californians to Protect Local Taxpayers and Public Safety  
1121 L Street, Suite 803  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
(800) 827-9086  
info@yesonprop1a.com  
www.yesonprop1a.com

#### Opponents:

Carole Midgen, Chairwoman  
State Board of Equalization  
601 Van Ness Ave., #E3 - 611  
San Francisco, CA 94102

## Employee of the Quarter

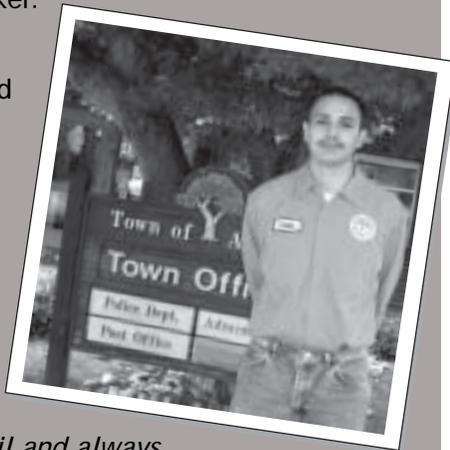
Congratulations to Eddy Lopez! Eddy was recently awarded "Employee of the Quarter" for his outstanding job as a Public Works Maintenance Worker.

Here's what his fellow workers had to say about him:

*"He is a good partner, learns quickly and takes on responsibility; he never refuses to do a job, large or small; he pays attention to detail and always does a complete and thorough job."*

*"Eddy has a great smile and sense of humor; he is polite, and has received numerous 'thank you' letters from the residents for his prompt and courteous response to their service requests."*

Congratulations Eddy! Keep up the great work!



## Fair Oaks Sewer District Fall/Winter Construction

The Fair Oaks Sewer Maintenance District, operated by the San Mateo County Department of Public Works, provides sewer service in the Town of Atherton generally west of Atherton Avenue and east of the Redwood City/Atherton boundary near Selby Lane, as well as to areas in Redwood City, Woodside and North Fair Oaks.

The District will be replacing sewer mains this fall and winter on Selby Lane from Austin Avenue to El Camino Real, and on El Camino Real from Stockbridge Avenue to Selby Lane as part of its capital improvement program. The construction is anticipated to last from September 2004 to May 2005. Please contact the Construction Manager, Joe LoCoco, at (650) 599-1454 for details.

The District will also be mailing a brochure to all property owners within the District regarding the property owner's responsibility for maintaining the property sewer lateral - the sewer line that connects the house plumbing to the District's facilities. The brochure also provides some simple tips to avoid sewer backups. Residents who rent or lease may contact the District Manager, Ann Stillman, at (650) 599-1417 or District staff at (650) 363-4100 for a copy of the brochure.

## West Nile Virus Arrives in San Mateo County

*As the San Mateo County Health Department and Mosquito Abatement District have anticipated for the last several years, West Nile Virus (WNV) has finally arrived in San Mateo County.*

A dead crow collected in Redwood City on July 28, 2004, tested positive for West Nile Virus. In September, the Santa Clara County Public Health Department confirmed the first human case of West Nile Virus in the Bay Area.

### What is West Nile Virus?

West Nile Virus (WNV) is a virus that can cause sickness in humans, horses and birds. It is common in parts of Africa, Europe and Asia and was first detected in the United States in 1999. Most people who are infected with this virus will not experience any illness. Approximately 10 to 15 percent of infected individuals will have only mild to moderate symptoms, such as fever, headache, stiff neck and body aches. Less than 1 percent will develop a serious illness such as meningitis (inflammation of the tissue surrounding the brain), encephalitis (inflammation of the brain) or death.

### How is West Nile Virus spread?

The West Nile virus is spread primarily by mosquitoes. It lives in a bird-mosquito cycle. Mosquitoes feed on infected birds, and in turn infect other birds. Sometimes, these infected mosquitoes feed on other animals such as humans. Humans and horses are known as "dead-end hosts": we don't produce enough virus in our bodies to re-infect mosquitoes. Only a small percentage of mosquitoes are actually infected with the virus. More recent research found that WNV can be transmitted through contaminated blood, breast milk, organ transplants, and in bird feces and saliva. In the United States, birds, humans, and horses can become very sick when infected with the virus. Other animals have also been found to be infected with the virus.

### How can you protect against West Nile Virus?

You can help prevent West Nile Virus by taking the following precautions:

- Avoid spending time outside when mosquitoes are most active, especially at dawn and the first two hours after sunset.
- When outdoors, wear long pants and long-sleeved shirts.
- Apply insect repellent containing DEET according to label instructions.
- Make sure that door and windows have tight-fitting screens. Repair or replace screens that have tears or holes.
- Eliminate all sources of standing water, which can support mosquito breeding.
- Contact your local mosquito control agency (San Mateo Mosquito Abatement District) if there is a significant mosquito problem where you live or work.

### What should I do if I see a dead bird?

Residents are encouraged to help track and control West Nile Virus by reporting recently dead birds (especially crows, ravens, jays, magpies and raptors such as hawks) by calling the California Department of Health Services toll-free number at (877) WNV-BIRD (877-968-2473) or reporting dead birds online at [www.westnile.ca.gov](http://www.westnile.ca.gov). Individuals should not attempt to pick-up or handle the bird.

### More Information

If there is a significant mosquito problem where you live or work in San Mateo County, contact the San Mateo County Mosquito Abatement District at (650) 344-8592.

## Voters Face Lengthy Ballot this November

We are privileged in the United States to enjoy the right to vote. This November 2nd, you will have many choices that will affect the future of your city, county, state and country. Registered voters of Atherton will receive a sample ballot that will list all their voting choices for the following offices and measures:

- Measure O - Town of Atherton Parcel Tax
- City Council - Town of Atherton\*
- U.S. President and Vice President
- U.S. Senator
- U.S. Representative in Congress, 14<sup>th</sup> District
- State Senate, 11<sup>th</sup> District
- State Assembly, 21<sup>st</sup> District
- 16 State Propositions
- 5 County Propositions
- San Mateo County Harbor District - 3 Offices
- Sequoia Healthcare District - 2 Offices

\*At the close of the nomination period for Atherton Council Member candidates, only two candidates had qualified for the ballot, Mayor Kathy McKeithen and Council Member James R. Janz. Even though there are only two candidates for two seats, California law does not allow for the cancellation of the election when a city measure has qualified and is to be submitted to the voters at the municipal election. Since Atherton's Measure "O" will be on the ballot, the Council Member candidates' names will appear on the ballot.

For more information regarding the election, please call the County Elections Office at 312-5222 or the City Clerk's Office at 752-0529. The County Elections website is: [www.shapethefuture.org](http://www.shapethefuture.org).

## ACIL Fall News

*The Atherton Civic Interest League is pleased to announce the following slate of officers for its 58<sup>th</sup> year of community service (2004-2005): Jerry Carlson, President; Jenny Redo, Vice-President; Sam Goodman, Chief Financial Officer; and Jane O'Neill, Secretary.*

ACIL Directors are chosen from residents and those serving in addition to the above listed officers for 2004-2005 are: Sandy Crittenden, Bill Griffith, Ellenrose Goddard, Bob Jenkins, Doris Kellett, John Marston, Thor Miller, Betty Ogawa, Charlie Ramorino, John Ruggeiro, Jean Schaaf, Janet Simonds and Bob Wilson.

Jerry Carlson, ACIL President, said that the chief purpose of the organization is to "focus on significant issues affecting the quality of life in our community, like the academic performance of the Selby Lane School. We are working to encourage residents' active participation and we are happy to note some important strides have been made by the school as a result of the community's interest and support. It is ACIL's intent to ensure the community is informed and



encouraged to participate in finding the best solutions."

In addition to the many active committees within the organization, Mr. Carlson polled the Directors and established several committees including the Public Safety Committee, a Committee to review Town Revenues and Expenditures, as well as one on Education. This year the ACIL's Directors will focus on these prime areas.

The Atherton Civic Interest League is a non-profit organization comprised of community volunteers interested in actively protecting the quality of life of the community. Membership is encouraged for all Atherton residents. Dues are \$50.00 per annum. The League's address is 150 Watkins Avenue, Atherton CA 94027.

## Chess for Fun!

Classes for Children  
at the Atherton Library  
Wednesdays  
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

October 6, 2004  
November 3, 2004  
December 1, 2004  
January 5, 2005  
February 2, 2005  
March 2, 2005



A one and a half hour event for children in second grade and older. Participants will learn about chess strategies and practical techniques and have the opportunity to play one another. *Knowledge of basic chess moves is a must.* Presented by Dennis Myers, United States Chess Federation Expert.

*Sponsored by Friends of the Atherton Library*

## Music Together® Classes at the Park

*Music Together® classes are now being offered at Holbrook-Palmer Park on Mondays at 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., and Thursdays at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.*

Music Together® is a program offered nationally and classes are designed for children infants to four years of age. Each week, children and their parents/caregivers sing songs of many cultures, dance and play instruments to support musical development. You may register at any time.

Please visit [www.music4families.net](http://www.music4families.net) for more information or telephone (650) 438-7484.

## CHILDREN'S EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY FALL 2004

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

- November 15<sup>th</sup>  
PUPPET ART THEATRE presents "The Boy Who Cried Wolf." For all ages.
- December 6<sup>th</sup>  
ROYA ANSARI, "WINDOWS TO THE WORLD: RUSSIA" brings a Russian Christmas with music, costumes, crafts and more. For ages 6 and up. *Registration is required.*

Fall Storytimes (September 14<sup>th</sup> - November 17<sup>th</sup>)

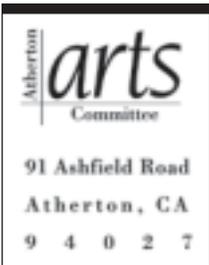
- ITSY-BITSY (infants to 3), Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m.
- PRESCHOOL (ages 3-6), Tuesday afternoons at 3:30 p.m.
- MUSICAL STORYTIME (all ages), Wednesdays from 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.

Halloween J-I-N-G-O

Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

An exciting, educational and fun-filled game for ages 5 and up. Win prizes!  
*Registration is required.*

*Programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Atherton Library*



## 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 Art in the Park classes for children of all ages and coordinates arts events for the whole community to enjoy.

If you are interested in volunteering to serve on the Atherton Arts Committee, please contact Linda Kelly, Assistant to the City Manager/ Acting City Clerk, at (650) 752-0529 or e-mail: lkelly@ci.atherton.ca.us.

## Greetings from New M-A High Administrators

*The Sequoia Union High School District recently hired three new administrators for Menlo-Atherton High School. Here are their greetings to students, parents, staff and the Menlo-Atherton community.*

### Norman Estrada Principal

I am excited to be a part of an educational community that believes education is a tool for success in the adult world. I am especially proud to have such a fantastic administrative team. I am looking forward to working with our staff, students, and parents to continue to develop the strong academic tradition M-A has created. I bring a little over 25 years of educational experience to M-A. In my spare time I love to read, especially classical novels. I am trilingual and read novels in Spanish, French and English. I am also a proud grandfather of five.

### Judy Duran Administrative Vice-Principal

I would like to thank everyone for the warm welcome that has been extended to me as the new Administrative Vice-Principal at Menlo-Atherton. I am coming to you from just across the Dumbarton Bridge in Fremont. I have two lovely grown daughters that I am very proud of and a mother who keeps me young and busy. My background includes 17 years in education with the Fremont

Unified School District, where I taught mathematics and art at the junior high and high school levels; I also served for nine years as a high school administrator. I look forward to an exciting year with my new M-A Family.

### Matthew Zito Administrative Vice-Principal

I am very pleased to be one of the new Administrative Vice-Principals at Menlo-Atherton. Having spent the last 10 years as a teacher and administrator in San Francisco, it is a pleasure to work on such a large, well-appointed school campus and with such a dynamic group of staff, students and parents. I bring with me five years of experience as an assistant principal and very much look forward to the new school year and the challenges that will come with it. I grew up near the ocean in Santa Barbara and went to college at U.C. Santa Cruz, earning a degree in American Studies.

*To contact M-A High School, call (650) 322-5311. The address is: Menlo-Atherton High School 555 Middlefield Road Atherton, CA 94027.*

## Selby Lane School Teachers Wish List CAN YOU HELP?

Selby Lane teachers are seeking the following donations:

- Used books and board games in good condition: Scrabble, Frog math, chess, Brain Quest, etc. for all grade levels.
- Used good running PC's and Mac's and printers; software for young people
- Guitars (used); keyboards
- Used sewing machines and fabric for the afterschool program
- Tickets to ballet, symphony or any enrichment activity

If you would rather support the school financially: \$700 buys a new computer - \$200 buys an overhead projector - \$100 can go to an after school arts program, sports equipment or field trip expenses (busses cost between \$250 and \$500 per trip) - \$25 buys books for the new library.

Donations can be dropped off at the school: 170 Selby Lane - Please include your name and address so we can thank you and send tax credit forms.

To donate by check, mail to:  
Selby Education Foundation  
"Teachers Fund"  
50 Woodside Plaza, Suite 513,  
Redwood City, CA 94061

Contact Jerry Carlson at (650) 321-1327, if you have any questions.

Selby Education Foundation is a nonprofit 501(C)(3) - a tax form for your deduction will be mailed to you.

[www.SelbyEducationFund.org](http://www.SelbyEducationFund.org)

Thank you from all the teachers and the children!

# SELBY EDUCATION FOUNDATION FUNDS AWARD WINNING PROGRAM AT SELBY LANE SCHOOL

*Selby Education Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to fundraising for Selby Lane School, has successfully raised and funded Selby Lane School's expenses to continue the curriculum and standards implementation as a candidate for top-rated International Baccalaureate (IB) Middle Years' Program for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2004-2005 school year.*

SEF board directors Jenny Redo and Jerry Carlson last week presented a check for \$35,000 to Bernie Vidales, Selby Lane's Principal and Carolyn Williams, Selby's Associate Principal. Continued academic progress and the introduction of the IB program have resulted in increased interest in the school. There were 15 student transfers into Selby Lane School this year, compared with zero transfers the previous year.

"SEF is dedicated to supporting academic excellence and student performance at Selby Lane School. The funds SEF raised will ensure Selby Lane School will continue on its path to becoming a top ranked public school on the Peninsula," said Mara McNeal, SEF's founder and President. "We would like to thank the community members in both Redwood City and Atherton that came together to make this happen."

"As a candidate school implementing the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program into the 6<sup>th</sup> grade, we are making another step in the revitalization of our educational vision at Selby. Just visiting our campus, you will see that we are building a rich educational experience and momentum, and I would like to thank SEF and all of our involved parent groups for their ongoing efforts to support programs for our students," said Bernie Vidales, Principal of Selby Lane School.

Working with the Selby Education Foundation (SEF), Selby Lane School has put an aggressive academic improvement program in place, based on the highly-acclaimed International Baccalaureate Program ([www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org)). IBO is an organization that sets and

monitors standards for top academic achievement and enrichment. Introducing IBO's Middle Years Program (MYP) will provide a private-school level of quality education at Selby Lane School, and will leverage the recent infrastructure



improvements that have been made, including new classrooms, library, and computer learning facilities. The school administration expects applying that and becoming a MYP accredited school will further increase test scores. Children who continue onto the IBO's

Diploma Program (through Sequoia High School) and pass the IB exams in 12<sup>th</sup> grade will receive up to 30 units of college credits at top public and Ivy League schools.



SEF will continue to raise funds with a goal of introducing the program to 7<sup>th</sup> grade students at Selby Lane. SEF board members have been working closely with the Redwood City School District, who will be voting on October 13<sup>th</sup> on whether to fund the extra \$35,000 in expenses to expand the program for the 7<sup>th</sup> grade this year.

## 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 leaders from all segments of the community. SEF's mission is to improve Selby Lane School, which serves portions of Redwood City and Atherton for K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. SEF is working in partnership with the Redwood City School District, the teachers, staff, principals, community, children and parents of Selby students 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 can write a check and mail it to:

*Selby Education Foundation  
50 Woodside Plaza, Suite 513  
Redwood City, CA 94061*

All donors will be recognized, the donation is 100% tax deductible (Tax EIN 65-1192419) and 100% of donated funds go towards Selby Lane School.

For additional information, visit [www.selbyeducationfoundation.org](http://www.selbyeducationfoundation.org) or contact: **Jenny Brown Redo**, Director of the Selby Education Foundation at (650) 264-9319 or [jredo@selbyeducationfoundation.org](mailto:jredo@selbyeducationfoundation.org).



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Atherton, CA  
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## ATHERTON ARTS COMMITTEE FALL ART IN THE PARK 2004

*The Atherton Arts Committee's Fall Art in the Park classes will bring a variety of fun and educational experiences for children of various ages! Our Fall Program is offering classes on Mondays and Tuesdays.*

### CLASSES

**Little Explorer** - Ages 2-3, Monday or Tuesday, 10:00 - 10:45 a.m.; November 1<sup>st</sup> - December 13<sup>th</sup> (6 classes - no class on November 29<sup>th</sup>). *Young artists are introduced to a variety of materials and from hands-on experimentation they explore and build on their own creativity. Students are given the opportunity to explore many different media (oil pastels, paint, watercolor, clay, fabric and more) while they work on interesting and exciting projects that familiarize them with basic art techniques such as line, shape and form. An adult must accompany the child at all times during the class.*

**Little Ranger** - Ages 3-5, Monday or Tuesday, 11:00 - 12:00 a.m., November 1<sup>st</sup> - December 13<sup>th</sup> (6 classes - no class on November 29<sup>th</sup>). *Young artists are presented with a variety of projects from painting to ceramics. Through lessons, hands-on experimentation, and invention, they create their own works of art you'll treasure for years. We will explore shapes and color while learning to create animals, figures and landscapes. Students are given the opportunity to try many different media to express their ideas.*

**Little Builder** - Grades JK -K, Monday or Tuesday, 1:45 - 2:45 p.m., November 1<sup>st</sup> - December 13<sup>th</sup> (6 classes - no class on November 29<sup>th</sup>). *Students explore building three-dimensional forms with all sorts of materials. Projects will look at aspects of balance, weight and height to name a few. Structures can be realistic, funny or make-believe. They will create a treasure island out of clay, build a tall skyscraper, make paper mache containers and create fantasy creatures using materials such as newspaper, wire, cardboard and wood. This is a great class to explore creative uses for everyday materials.*

**Little Writer and Illustrator** Ages 6 to 9, Monday or Tuesday, 3:30 - 5:00 p.m., November 15<sup>th</sup> - December 14<sup>th</sup> (5 classes - no class on November 29<sup>th</sup>). *Write your own cartoon or storybook. Learn to tell a story through pictures as well as words. It can be a story that is mysterious, fanciful, funny or crazy. Design your own characters and backgrounds. Use prints and drawings to depict action. If time permits, students can also create a three-dimensional image of a character they created.*

### **REGISTRATION**

Minimum enrollment is five children in one session. We are also offering adult and children one-day workshops. For detailed information, pricing or to download a registration form, please visit our website at [www.ci.atherton.ca.us/arts/artinthepark.html](http://www.ci.atherton.ca.us/arts/artinthepark.html). Please complete the registration form and mail with your check made payable to: **TOWN OF ATHERTON/AAC, 91 Ashfield Road, Atherton, CA 94027**. For information or questions, please call (650) 482-9824 or e-mail [aac@ci.atherton.ca.us](mailto:aac@ci.atherton.ca.us).

We are so happy to welcome Marni Tuel as our Art in the Park teacher! This will be Marni's fourth term with the Art in the Park Program. She has been involved in education for 10 years and worked at Kollage, a non-profit organization, for seven years, mostly as Executive Director. Marni holds a BA Degree in Psychology and Art from the University of Colorado and a Masters Degree in Art Therapy from the University of Louisville, Kentucky. A painter herself, she works primarily with children ages 2-12 in ceramics, painting and mixed media.



# CALENDAR

For information on changes and special meetings call (650) 752-0529 or check the Town Community Calendar at: [www.ci.atherton.ca.us](http://www.ci.atherton.ca.us)

## October

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## November

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## January

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## October

20	City Council	7:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
21	Tree Committee	4:00 p.m.	Admin. Offices Mtg. Rm.
26	Arts Committee	1:00 p.m.	Admin. Offices Mtg. Rm.
27	Planning Commission	6:00 p.m.	Council Chambers

## November

2	<b>Election Day – Remember to vote!</b>		
3	Waste Reduction Comm.	10:00 a.m.	Admin. Offices Mtg. Rm.
3	Park & Rec. Commission	6:30 p.m.	H-P Park, Main House
3	General Plan Committee	6:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
4	Annual PD Town Meeting	7:00 p.m.	St. Joseph's School
9	Caltrain Corridor Subcom	7:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
11	<b>Veteran's Day Holiday – Town Offices closed</b>		
17	City Council	7:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
18	Tree Committee	4:00 p.m.	Admin. Offices Mtg. Rm.
23	Arts Committee	1:00 p.m.	Admin. Offices Mtg. Rm.
24	Planning Commission – <i>meeting cancelled</i>		
25	<b>Thanksgiving Holiday – Town Offices closed</b>		
26	<b>Day after Thanksgiving – Town Offices closed</b>		

## December

1	Waste Reduction Comm.	10:00 a.m.	Admin. Offices Mtg. Rm.
1	Park & Rec. Commission	6:30 p.m.	H-P Park, Main House
7	Caltrain Corridor Subcom.	7:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
8	Planning Commission	6:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
15	City Council	7:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
16	Tree Committee	4:00 p.m.	Admin. Offices Mtg. Rm.
24	<b>Christmas Holiday Observed – Town Offices closed</b>		
28	Arts Committee	1:00 p.m.	Admin. Offices Mtg. Rm.
31	<b>New Year's Day Holiday Observed – Town Offices closed</b>		

## January

4	Caltrain Corridor Subcom.	7:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
5	Waste Reduction Comm.	10:00 a.m.	Admin. Offices Mtg. Rm.
5	Park & Rec. Commission	6:30 p.m.	H-P Park, Main House
11	Transportation Committee	6:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
17	<b>Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday – Town Offices closed</b>		
19	City Council	7:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
20	Tree Committee	4:00 p.m.	Admin. Offices Mtg. Rm.

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