

# CALENDAR

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

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## January 2007

15	Martin Luther King Jr. - Town Offices Closed		
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	6:00 p.m.	Council Chambers

## February 2007

6	Atherton Rail Comm.	6:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
7	General Plan Committee	6:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
7	Parks & Rec. Comm.	6:30 p.m.	H-P Park, Main House
15	Tree Committee	4:00 p.m.	Admin Offices Mtg Rm
19	Presidents Day - Town Offices Closed		
21	City Council	7:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
27	Arts Committee	1:00 p.m.	Admin Offices Mtg Rm
28	Planning Commission	6:00 p.m.	Council Chambers

## March 2007

6	Atherton Rail Comm.	6:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
7	Park & Rec. Comm.	6:30 p.m.	H-P Park, Main House
21	City Council	7:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
15	Tree Committee	4:00 p.m.	Admin Offices Mtg Rm
27	Arts Committee	1:00 p.m.	Admin Offices Mtg Rm
28	Planning Commission	6:00 p.m.	Council Chambers

## April 2007

3	Atherton Rail Comm.	6:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
4	Environmental Programs Comm.	10:00 a.m.	Admin. Offices Mtg. Rm.
4	Park & Rec. Comm.	6:30 p.m.	H-P Park, Main House
10	Transportation Committee	6:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
18	City Council	7:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
19	Tree Committee	4:00 p.m.	Admin. Offices Mtg. Rm.
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# ATHERTONIAN

Quarterly Newsletter for Atherton Residents Winter 2007

## WINTER STORM PREPARATION

It is time again to remind residents to prepare for winter rains. The Town Public Works crews have been out cleaning the storm drains, gutters, and the Atherton Channel in preparation for a winter of heavy rains. Residents, too, have responsibilities to prevent damage to their own property and the property of their neighbors. Here are a few things to consider:

- Clean the drains on your property. Most properties have drains in the yard that drain either to a detention tank, a drainage channel, or the street right-of-way. It is important to check both the inlets and outlets of your drainage system. If after clearing them the system still does not seem to work, you may need a plumbing company to clean out the pipe. Pipes can fill with sediment after years of use if not regularly cleaned. It is advisable to have the system cleaned every year in the fall to be sure it is ready for rain.



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## CERT 2007 Class Schedule

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) classes are available. For more information on any of these classes please contact Carol Parker at 650-688-8415.

<b>Menlo Park City Council Chambers</b> , Thursday	Menlo Park	Mar 15 – Apr 19	6:30 - 9:00 pm
<b>Ravenswood Family Health Clinic</b> , Wednesday	East Palo Alto	May 2 – June 6	6:30 - 9:00 pm
<b>Menlo College</b> , Saturday	Atherton	June 2 & 9*	9:00 a - 5:00 p
			* Follow up on Engine Company
<b>Sacred Heart</b> , Saturday	Atherton	Sept 29 & Oct 13*	9:00 a - 5:00 p
			* Follow up on Engine Company

### Extended Training Classes (to date)

<b>HAM Radio Licensing Class</b> (4 Tuesdays)	January 16 - February 6	6:30 - 9:00 pm
	Station 77	
<b>How to Operate a HAM Radio Class</b>	February 27	6:30 - 9:00 pm
	Menlo Park City Council Chambers	
<b>Pet Emergency Preparedness Class</b>	Peninsula Humane Society-Mid Peninsula Animal Hospital-Menlo Park Fire District	
	March 1	6:30 - 9:00 pm
	Menlo Park City Council Chambers	

<b>HAM Radio Licensing Class</b> (4 Tuesdays)	Station 77	April 17 - May 8	6:30 - 9:00 pm
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## JOIN US AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE! ATHERTON COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Town residents are invited to apply for membership on Town commissions and committees. Openings on the following committees and commissions will occur on May 1, 2007: **The Arts Committee, the General Plan Committee, the Park and Recreation Commission, and the Planning Commission.** If you are a registered voter of the Town and would like an opportunity to serve your community by participating on a Town commission or committee, contact Kathi Hamilton, Acting City Clerk, at 752-0500. Applications are available on the Town website at [www.ci.atherton.ca.us](http://www.ci.atherton.ca.us) under "Town News" and will be accepted in the Town Administrative Offices, 91 Ashfield Road, until Monday, April 2, 2007.

## CITY COUNCIL CHOOSES A NEW MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR

Congratulations to Alan B. Carlson and James R. Janz who were unanimously chosen as Mayor and Vice Mayor at the City Council meeting of December 13, 2006. The City Council chooses a Mayor and Vice Mayor, annually, to serve in these important roles.

### IT'S EASY TO BE GREEN

Do you have plans to re-build or re-model your home? If so, consider building it green. Green building means taking the environment into account during design and construction. Green buildings are energy efficient, water conserving, durable and non-toxic, with recycled content materials.

Did you know that most Atherton homeowners pay a higher rate for gas and electricity? The more you use, the higher the rate you pay. The larger the home, the more resources are used to construct and to maintain. There are many easy, cost effective, environmentally friendly things you can do to make your house more comfortable, save money on utility bills, and improve property value. The most important step to building green is the design phase. Knowing what your alternatives are will enable you to make decisions regarding building practices and materials that may significantly reduce construction costs and lifetime operating costs, ultimately saving you money.

A green building design will consider how all aspects of a building are interrelated – the structural components, heating and cooling systems, lighting, windows, interior finishes, ect. There are many resources available to help you get started on a green building design. Consider using a green building professional for your project.

The [www.BuildItGreen.org](http://www.BuildItGreen.org) website has a database on how to find a green architect and where to buy green building products. They also have Ask an Expert, a hotline that provides customized responses to a variety of green building questions. The San Mateo County RecycleWorks also has good information on their website, [www.RecycleWorks.org](http://www.RecycleWorks.org).

Atherton's building department has green building guidelines and a green building checklist to help you get started.

### AND THE WINNERS ARE!

The Atherton Tree Committee is pleased to announce the winners of the 2006 Tree Award program. A number of outstanding trees were nominated in the 16<sup>th</sup> annual awards. The trees were judged by the Tree Committee based on size, age, condition, unique species, and historical significance. The Tree Committee would like to thank the residents who nominated their special tree and for the care they have taken to preserve Atherton's trees. This year's winners are:

- Peter Watkins and Karen Moore  
*Coast Live Oak, Quercus agrifolia*
- Don and Alberta Delnevo  
*Chinese Chestnut, Castanea mollissima*
- Penelope and John Murray  
*Espaliered Pear, Pyrus sp.*  
*Valley Oak, Quercus lobata*
- Sheila and Frank Allegret  
*Monkey Puzzle Tree, Araucaria araucana*
- Tom and Rachel Croft  
*Coast Live Oak, Quercus agrifolia*
- Historic Row of Palms, Toyon Road  
*Mexican Fan Palm, Washingtonia*

### RECYCLE YOUR JUNK MAIL

It's good to recycle your junk mail. It's even better to stop getting it. Are you tired of unwanted mail? Have you ever returned from a vacation with a mound of mail, most of it solicitations and credit card applications?

Junk mail is a waste of time and resources. More than 100 million trees are cut down every year to produce the 100 billion pieces of junk mail sent out to American households. The average American household receives 1.5 trees through the mail slot in the form of unsolicited mail every year. In addition, Americans collectively pay \$370,000,000 a year to dispose the junk mail that doesn't get recycled. And, over the course of your lifetime, you'll spend 8 months opening junk mail.

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## TOWN OF ATHERTON

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### CITY COUNCIL

Meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.  
Town Council Chambers • 94 Ashfield Road

Alan B. Carlson, Mayor	408-998-4150 (wk) <a href="mailto:acarlson@ci.atherton.ca.us">acarlson@ci.atherton.ca.us</a>
James R. Janz, Vice Mayor	325-8666 (wk) <a href="mailto:jjanz@ci.atherton.ca.us">jjanz@ci.atherton.ca.us</a>
Jerry Carlson, Council Member	321-1327 <a href="mailto:jcarlson@ci.atherton.ca.us">jcarlson@ci.atherton.ca.us</a>
Charles E. Marsala, Council Member	328-7113 <a href="mailto:cmarsala@ci.atherton.ca.us">cmarsala@ci.atherton.ca.us</a>
Kathleen McKeithen, Council Member	321-3633 <a href="mailto:kmckeithen@ci.atherton.ca.us">kmckeithen@ci.atherton.ca.us</a>

### 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 District.....	363-4569
Voter Registration .....	312-5222

#### Menlo Park Fire District

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

#### Waste / Recycling

Allied Waste / BFI.....	592-2411
Recycling.....	637-1411
Fair Oaks Sanitation District.....	363-4100
West Bay Sanitation District.....	321-0384

## DIRECTORY

*Contacts & Telephone Numbers*

<b>Main Number</b>	<b>752-0500</b>
Fax Number	688-6528
email:	atherton@ci.atherton.ca.us

<b>Animal Control</b>	<b>363-4840</b>
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<b>Building</b>	
Michael Cully	752-0523
Acting Building Official	
Information/Inspections	752-0560
Daily Inspection Schedule	752-0561

<b>City Attorney</b>	
Marc Hynes, City Attorney	967-6941

<b>City Manager</b>	
Jim Robinson, City Manager	752-0504
Wende Protzman	752-0546
Assistant to the City Manager	
Kathi Hamilton	
Acting City Clerk	752-0529

<b>Town Planner</b>	
Neal Martin, Town Planner	799-8466
Lisa Costa Sanders,	
Deputy Town Planner	333-0248

<b>Finance</b>	
John Johns, Director	752-0531
Paula Pierce,	
Assistant Director	752-0519

<b>Library</b>	328-2422
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<b>Police</b>	
Robert Brennan	752-0506
General Information	688-6500
Emergency	9-1-1

<b>Post Office</b>	
General Information	752-0500

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

<b>Heritage Room</b>	
Atherton Heritage Association	688-6540

## DISASTER PREPAREDNESS *from page 7*

This installation would enable Atherton to have multiple command posts at various emergency locations which are capable of interfacing with a central command post as well as county/state/federal emergency coordinators and assistance. These laptops would also be used on a daily basis to facilitate Atherton operations and promote an understanding of how they can be utilized.

“I also want to see the second well in Holbrook-Palmer Park completed in the event we need an additional water source, which hopefully, would remain operational in the event of an earthquake,” she said.

“Finally, I am hopeful that we can work on improved coordination with the Menlo Park Fire District, move central command to a safer location than city hall, locate captains for each of our 16 regional districts, and develop a useable community emergency operations handbook for distribution,” said McKeithen.

“Some of my personal goals are to speak with the Peninsula Humane Society regarding pet stickers for the outside of one’s home, which are intended to notify emergency personnel of the presence of an animal inside, and to speak with our family physician regarding recommended drugs to have on hand for possible health outbreaks.” she said.

Other preparations for 2007 include the following:

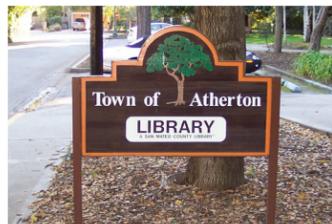
❑ Dr. Patricia Engasser is creating a list of Atherton health care workers who might be able to help fellow Atherton residents after a disaster. She asks that anyone who’s a physician, nurse, pharmacist, or other health professional call Wendé Protzman, 752-0546, at Atherton Town Hall and asks to be placed on the medical list.

❑ Sharyn Vucinich is focusing on drafting an Atherton Disaster Preparedness Manual based on one that’s already published by another, nearby town. Teams of neighbors in the 16 designated areas will use this reference to organize themselves so that they can be of mutual assistance to each other. Several communities are now creating their teams so that they can assist each other following a disaster.

❑ Ginger Levick of the Walsh Road area said her group’s 2007 goals are to get teams organized and equipped with the new manuals by the end of February. By the end of March the teams are expected to be working together with their neighbors to get prepared using the guidelines in the instruction manual. She hopes that all disaster preparations will be in place by June.

❑ Carol Parker, of the Menlo Park Fire District, is organizing the 2007 schedule of classes about preparing for a disaster. The CERT class, which stands for Community Emergency Response Team, is a key component of disaster preparation for individuals and a community.

Prepare for the worst and hope for the best. Even in the most tragic situations, there’s a message of hope for the future and a drive to regain what is lost. The most significant hope of course is knowing that loved ones are well.



### ATHERTON LIBRARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2 Dinkelspiel Station Lane

Final Friday Flicks, Friday, January 26, at 7:00 p.m.

Ventriloquist Steve Chaney and Cornelius Crowe  
Monday, February 12, at 4:00 p.m., ages 4 and up

Final Friday Flicks, Friday, February 23, at 7:00 p.m.

Yo-Yo Lady Helane Zeiger Monday,  
March 12, at 4:00 p.m., ages 5 and up.

Final Friday Flicks, Friday, March 30, at 7:00 p.m.

Gary T and his Poet Tree, Monday, April 9, 4:00 p.m.  
Interactive poetry program for ages 5 and up

Final Friday Flicks, Friday, April 27, 7:00 p.m.



## DATELINE MONGOLIA SLIDE LECTURE BY LONELY PLANET AUTHOR MICHAEL KOHN

Author, travel writer, photographer and journalist Michael Kohn will present a slide lecture based on his new book, *Dateline Mongolia: An American Journalist in Nomads Land*, on Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at the Atherton Library. Based on his experiences as the editor for the state-run Mongol Messenger newspaper in the late nineties, Mr. Kohn describes a Mongolia on the brink of its great leap from Stalinism to democracy. While nomads still roam the steppes, another Mongolia is developing, where cell phone-toting teens parade in the latest Paris fashions, politicians drive to work in Hum-Vees, and new school capitalist ventures are on the rise. Mr. Kohn’s lecture will provide an intimate and personal account of Mongolia at a crucial point, taking a closer look at the history, culture, religion, and politics of this fascinating country.

Mr. Kohn is the author of several Lonely Planet guidebooks to Inner Asia, including Mongolia, Tibet and Central Asia, as well as guidebooks to Colombia, South Africa, the Middle East and Israel, and the Palestinian Territories. He has traveled to more than 60 countries on six continents and today works mainly as a travel book writer and photographer. He has researched, written and updated a dozen books for Lonely Planet and Rough Guides, and has covered news events for the Associated Press, the BBC, the New York Times, the San Francisco Chronicle, the Wall Street Journal, and other publications. His main work has been in Mongolia, Central Asia and the Middle East. This year he also made reporting trips to South Africa and Colombia.

For more information, please visit the library’s website at [smcl.org](http://smcl.org) or call us at 328-2422.

## COMMUNITY ALERT NETWORK

San Mateo County has provided residents a community warning system to notify them through digital devices - cell and smart phones and pagers - and emails of important information and emergency alerts.

To register:

- 1) Go to [www.smcalert.info](http://www.smcalert.info) and follow instructions for “new users”
- 2) Select places you live, work, and/or you want to receive alerts
- 3) List specific geographic addresses (optional)

### Alert examples:

Hazmat (shelter in place or evacuation), Utility outage (power, water, gas, phone), Winter storm warning, Flash floods, Tsunami, Road closure / traffic congestion, Earthquake, Amber alerts, Crime alerts.

Follow-up alerts can be sent to update residents on situation (all clear, concluded, power restoration, etc). Charges will depend upon your carrier and the type of text plan you currently have. There are no charges for emails. For more information, visit [www.smcalert.info](http://www.smcalert.info).

## RECYCLING JUNK MAIL *from page 2*

But there is good news! You can get rid of 90% of that junk mail much easier than you might think. Bay Area cities and counties are sponsoring a Junk Mail Reduction Campaign this January to ask Bay Area residents to reduce their junk mail at work and at home.

In order to substantially reduce your junk mail, you need to reduce access to your name and address so that it won’t be traded, rented, or sold to companies who send you unwanted mail. By receiving a Junk Mail Reduction Kit, you can help keep new junk mail from finding its way to your doorstep. This kit provides addresses and phone numbers of organizations set up to protect consumer privacy. It also provides other important information on how to reduce junk mail, including contacting service providers such as banks, insurance or wireless companies, and asking them to stop sending you promotional mail. Call the number below, or visit our website to get your free Junk Mail Reduction Kit. To learn more about reducing the amount of junk mail you receive visit the Bay Area Junk Mail Reduction Campaign website at [www.nomorejunkmail.org](http://www.nomorejunkmail.org), or San Mateo County’s Recycle Works program at [www.recycleworks.org](http://www.recycleworks.org). You can also call the recycling hotline at 1-888-442-2666.

## TOWN SUPPORTS THE HUMAN INVESTMENT PROJECT H.I.P.

Since 1972, The Human Investment Project, Inc. (HIP Housing), a private, nonprofit organization, has been working as a resource to the community by providing creative, affordable solutions to a variety of housing needs through programs supported by the Town of Atherton.

The **Home Sharing Program** is a one-on-one service linking people who have housing to share with those seeking housing. Each person has a private room and shares common living areas. Two types of arrangements are facilitated: straight rent and service exchange. Since 1979, HIP Housing has been interviewing clients and making referrals to match people in shared housing. Each year over 1,300 people are provided housing and community resources while 300 people are placed in shared housing. Because it uses existing housing stock, home sharing provides an immediate resource for affordable housing in San Mateo County for working individuals and families, seniors, persons with disabilities, students and others in need of finding a place to call home. Home sharing enables home owners and renters to remain independent in their own home, while providing them with extra income to meet rising housing and utility costs as well as increased security and companionship.

The Home Equity Conversion Counseling Program has been providing free third-party counseling about Reverse Mortgages to senior homeowners for over 20 years. The purpose of the program is to provide unbiased information to seniors so they can make an educated decision about the equity in their home. Counseling sessions take approximately one hour and are scheduled at HIP Housing's office in San Mateo. Accommodations can be made for a home visit for senior homeowners who are not able to come into the office. HIP Housing's counselor is certified by AARP (American Association of Retired Persons) and HUD (Housing & Urban Development).

HIP Housing also offers a Self-Sufficiency Program enabling low-income families with children to receive subsidized rents or a housing scholarship for 1-2 years while they complete an education or job training

program and find employment with an income to support their families. HIP Housing has three 6-bedroom houses which are shared by families who are in school and doing job training. Families who are further along in completing career and educational goals are provided a 1-year housing scholarship which helps to subsidize their rent before graduating from the program. Each year over 40 families are provided with case management, supportive services and housing through the Self Sufficiency Program.

Expanding the pool of affordable housing for low-income persons and families in San Mateo County is accomplished through HIP Housing's Property Development activities by developing new, acquiring or rehabilitating existing housing. HIP Housing owns and manages over 200 units of housing in San Mateo County providing a place to call home for over 400 individuals, families and children.

San Mateo County has many people in need of housing and many renters and homeowners who could use some help with their housing costs. To learn more about HIP Housing, visit [www.hiphousing.org](http://www.hiphousing.org) or contact the organization by phone at 650-348-6660.

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## READING TUTORS NEEDED AT YES READING – SELBY LANE SCHOOL

YES Reading, a local nonprofit which trains volunteers to tutor students one-on one who are struggling with reading, is looking for volunteer tutors for its center on the campus of Selby Lane School. Our premise is that community involvement in our traditionally underserved public schools is a critical component of student achievement and success. Volunteer tutors work one-on-one with students who are reading 1-3 years below grade level. Lesson plans and curriculum are structured and easy to follow. Volunteers are needed on Tuesdays or Wednesdays from 9am to 5pm. Tutoring times are flexible and dependent on tutors' schedules. This is the third year that YES Reading has been working with students at Selby Lane, and we have had some really great successes there. On average, students gained 1 grade level after 30 hours of tutoring. If interested, please call (408) 945-5720 or email [amanda@yesreading.org](mailto:amanda@yesreading.org). For more information, please visit our web site at [www.yesreading.org](http://www.yesreading.org).

gauze or bandages, First aid tape, Adhesive bandages in assorted sizes, extra hearing aid batteries, if needed.  
TO DO: Check with your child's day care or school to find out about their disaster plans.

### Week 7 Grocery Store

- 1 gallon of water\*, 1 can ready-to-eat soup\* (not concentrate), 1 can fruit\*, 1 can vegetables\*

Also: extra plastic baby bottles, formula, and diapers, if needed.

TO DO: establish an out-of-state contact to call in case of emergency

### Week 8 First Aid Supplies

- Scissors, Tweezers, Antiseptic, Thermometer, Liquid hand soap, Disposable hand wipes, Sewing kit

Also: extra eyeglasses, if needed.

TO DO: Place a pair of shoes and a flashlight under your bed so that they are handy during an emergency.

### Week 9 Grocery Store

- 1 can ready-to-eat soup\*, liquid dish soap, plain liquid bleach, 1 box heavy-duty garbage bags

Also: saline solution and a contact lens case, if needed.

TO DO: send some of your favorite family photos (or copies) to family members out of state for safe keeping, date each perishable food item using marking pen

### Week 10 Hardware Store

- Water proof portable plastic container with lid, Portable am/fm radio with batteries

Also: blankets or sleeping bags for each member of the family

TO DO: Make photocopies of important papers and store safely

### Week 11 Grocery Store

- 1 large can juice\*, large plastic food bags, 1 box quick energy snacks, 3 rolls paper towels, sunscreen

TO DO: store a roll of quarters for emergency phone calls, go on a hunt with your family to find a pay phone near home

### Week 12 First Aid Supplies

- Anti-diarrhea medicine, Rubbing alcohol, 2 pair latex gloves, Ipecac syrup and activate charcoal (for accidental poisoning)

Also: items for denture care, if needed

TO DO: Take your family on a field trip to gas meter and water meter shutoffs.

### Week 13 Hardware Store

- Whistle, ABC fire extinguisher, Pliers, Vise grips,

TO DO: Take a first aid/CPR class.

### Week 14 Grocery Store

- 1 can fruit\*, 1 can meat\*, 1 can vegetables\*, 1 package of paper plates, 1 package eating utensils, 1 package paper cups, adult vitamins

TO DO: Make a plan to check on a neighbor who might need help in an emergency.

### Week 15 Hardware Store

- Extra flashlight batteries, Masking tape, Hammer, Assorted nails, "L" brackets to secure tall furniture to wall studs, wood screws

TO DO: Brace shelves and cabinets.

### Week 16 Grocery Store

- 1 can meat\*, 1 can vegetables\*, 1 box large heavy-duty , garbage bags, Kleenex, 1 box quick energy snacks (such as granola bars or raisins)

TO DO: Find out if you have a neighborhood safety organization and join it!

### Week 17 Grocery Store

- 1 box of graham crackers, assorted plastic containers with lids, assorted safety pins, dry cereal

TO DO: Arrange for a friend or neighbor to help your children if you are at work.

### Week 18 Grocery Store

- "child proof" latches or other fasteners for your cupboards, Double-sided tape or Velcro-type fasteners to secure moveable objects.

TO DO: Pack a "go-pack" in case you need to evacuate.

### Week 19 Grocery Store

- 1 box large, heavy-duty garbage bags, 1 box quick energy snacks ( such as granola bars or raisins)

TO DO: have an earthquake drill at home

### Week 20 Hardware Store

- camping or utility knife, extra radio batteries

### Week 21 Hardware Store

- Heavy work gloves, 1 box disposable masks, screwdriver, plastic safety goggles

### Week 22 Grocery Store

- Extra hand-operated can opener, 3 rolls paper towels,

### Week 23 Hardware Store

- battery powered camping lantern with extra battery or extra flashlights

### Week 24 Grocery Store

- Large plastic food bags, Plastic wrap, Aluminum foil

## ATHERTON EXPLORER HONORED AS TOP STUDENT

Atherton Police Explorer Kelli DeVlugt was honored as the Top Student among 24 graduates from the Peninsula Law Enforcement Explorer Academy on December 4<sup>th</sup>. The academy included 100 hours of instruction on topics as wide-ranging as First Aid and CPR to Search and Rescue to basic criminal law.

Kelli is one of eight young people who participated in the Explorer Post sponsored by the Atherton Police Department. For more than 30 years, the Police Department has offered this program to area young people of high school and college-age. Former Atherton Police Explorers have become police sergeants, lieutenants, captains, and even chief of police. Atherton Police Lieutenant Glenn Nielsen is himself a graduate of this program.

Police Exploring is part of the Pacific Skyline Council's Learning for Life Program. The program in Atherton

is advised by Dispatcher Joanne Thomas-Smith and K9 Officer Dean DeVlugt (Kelli's dad).

Now that Kelli and fellow Atherton Explorer Jessica Gutierrez have graduated from the Academy, they will join their fellow Explorers in participating in their volunteer activities with the Town. Atherton Police Explorers assist in projects around the police station, as well as community events such as the charity horse show, the Menlo-Atherton High School fashion show, charity concert, Special Olympics, and various weddings.

Explorers are also permitted to accompany police officers on patrol and have been thoroughly trained in radio procedures and traffic control. Young men and women who are at least 15 years of age, but not yet 21 are welcome to apply.



## DISASTER SUPPLIES CHECKLIST

The Family Disaster Supplies Calendar is intended to help you prepare for disasters before they happen. Using the calendar, your family can assemble an emergency kit in small steps over a six month period. Check off each week as you gather the contents. Supplies may be stored together in a large plastic garbage can or food may be kept on kitchen shelves. Remember to rotate your perishable supplies and change water every six months.

### Week 1 Grocery Store

- 1 gallon of water\*, 1 jar of peanut butter\*, 1 large can of juice\*, instant coffee, tea, powdered soft drinks, permanent marking pen to mark date on cans

Remember: 1 gallon of water for each pet.

Also: pet food, diapers, and/or baby food, if needed.

TO DO: Make a family plan, date each perishable food item using marking pen.

### Week 2 Hardware Store

- Crescent wrench, Heavy rope, Duct tape, 2 flashlights, "bungee" cords

TO DO: Check your house for hazards, locate your gas shutoffs and attach a wrench near them.

### Week 3 Grocery Store

- 1 gallon of water\*, 1 can of meat\*, 1 can of fruit\*, sanitary napkins, video tape

Also: pet food, diapers, and/or baby food, if needed.

TO DO: Use a video camera to tape the contents of your home. Store video tape with friend/family member who live out of town.

### Week 4 Hardware Store

- Plumber's tape, crowbar, smoke detector w/battery, instant coffee, tea, powdered soft drinks, permanent marking pen to mark date on cans

Also: extra medications or a prescription marked "emergency use" if needed.

TO DO: Install or test your smoke detector, tie water heater to wall studs using plumber's tape

### Week 5 Grocery Store

- 1 gallon of water\*, 1 can of meat\*, 1 can of fruit\*, 1 can vegetables\*, 2 rolls toilet paper\*, extra toothbrush, travel size toothpaste

Also: special food for special diets, if needed

TO DO: Have fire drill at home

### Week 6, First Aid Supplies

- Aspirin and/or acetaminophen, Compresses, Rolls of

## WINTER STORM

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- Clean drainage channels behind and beside your property. Many properties have private drainage channels that were built when the property was subdivided. These channels carry the rainfall from uphill by diverting it from its natural course (which probably ran right across your property). Many of these channels are behind your fence, but they are still on your property and are still your responsibility. A word to the wise - if you don't clean them, and they back or divert water onto your neighbor's property, you could be liable for any damage caused. If you need help with your channel, please call Public Works (see below).

- Clean the pipes across your driveway. Many properties have pipes next to the street to carry runoff across the driveway. These pipes are the responsibility of the property owner. And remember, if building a new driveway, you need to either have a pipe across your driveway or you need a swale (a shallow ditch 1-2" deep) across your driveway to avoid backing up water. Remember, in many parts of Town, the roadside is the only drainage system.



- Don't dump anything in the drainage ditches or the Atherton Channel. When Town crews clean the Atherton Channel every fall, they often find debris thrown over the backyard fences of adjacent homes into the channel. Sometimes this is very large debris that could cause blockage in downstream culverts. It could back up and flood your or your neighbor's property. Even if it doesn't get caught on something and goes to the Bay, it is considered pollution. Leaves and organic matter cause big problems if there is too much of it entering the Bay. In nature, leaves fall on the ground and stay there, providing nutrients for future growth. By throwing debris in the channel, the natural order is upset, and the Bay deteriorates.

- Don't dump in the drains. Hopefully everybody is now aware that the storm drains DO NOT go

to a treatment plant like the sewer does. They are directly connected to the Bay. Anything you dump in them will pollute the Bay. This includes litter and leaves, so please be sure your gardeners don't put anything there either. And please, NEVER dump antifreeze or oil in the drains. The recycling center in San Carlos will take the material for free, and most oil changing shops take used oil.

Last but not least, if all else fails and the water is rising, the Town provides free sandbags behind the permit center at Town Center. We now have a new sandbagger donated by Arata Equipment Co. of Redwood City. Owner Don Arata (a lifelong Atherton resident) said he knew the Town had a policy of giving away free sandbags to residents and was more than happy to donate his "demo" unit to the Town as well as an ample supply of new sandbags. Pictured is Don's



son Andrew turning over the machine to Public Works Supervisor Troy Henderson in the Town's corporation yard. The sandbagger is set up next to the sand pile to be available to assist residents this coming winter. The new sandbag scoops purchased last year will also stay just in case the sandbagger runs out of sand before Public Works can refill it.

If you do see a backup in any drain or channel near you, please call Public Works during the day at 752-0570, or if it is becoming an emergency at night, call Police Dispatch at 688-6500 and they will contact a Public Work's on-call staff member to come and assist.

And finally, when you do see Public Work's crews on the street cleaning drains, please slow down and prepare to stop. They are there working for you, so please give them a brake!

## 2006 SUCCESSES FOR SELBY EDUCATION FOUNDATION

During this past calendar year, Selby Education Foundation closed its third year of operation with significant achievements in program and educator funding, community outreach, and academic enrichment. Accomplished objectives include:

- SEF successfully sponsored funding and candidacy of the academically rigorous and prestigious International Baccalaureate Program (IBO) at Selby Lane School. The introduction of IBO's Middle Years Program (MYP) will provide private school quality education at Selby Lane School, taking full-advantage of the recent infrastructure improvements to the Selby campus including new classrooms, library, and computer education facilities. IBO will be undertaking an independent evaluation of Selby Lane School's progress in March 2007, and potentially promote Selby to accredited status in June 2007. In addition to enhancing the educational experience at Selby Lane, school administrators expect that becoming a MYP-accredited school will incrementally improve overall student test scores.
- SEF sponsored several successful community outreach programs, including a junior career day which enabled Selby Lane 7<sup>th</sup> graders to see the inner-workings of local businesses at Electronic Arts, Atherton Police Department, Crown Plaza Hotel, Alain Pinel, and the Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport, along with directed classroom discussion and counsel.
- SEF created a teacher grant allocation process in the last year and awarded funding for nine teacher-led programs and activities; including, PE for Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, multiple art projects including the outdoor mosaic now on display; funding the IBO music program; and several environmental learning field trips.
- SEF raised funds for and awarded teacher wish list projects in the areas of music, art and library education (e.g., supplying 10 keyboards to start an after-school instrumental music class).

- SEF awarded seven prizes to Selby children who showed either continued excellence (valedictorians), or, dramatic academic improvement thereby increasing Selby's California Academic Performance Index (API) test scores to 710 out of 1000. Selby has measurably increased student population test scores every year for the last four years now.

"This past year, SEF has been delighted to support the achievement of important new milestones for Selby Lane School. Our goal is to help make Selby a school that tests at the 800 level and reaches IB accreditation," said Jenny Redo, SEF's President. "It's amazing to see our teachers, students and staff striving for excellence and making such swift and impressive progress. SEF is passionate about building new programs and assisting the school in reaching its funding and educational goals while providing leadership on partnering with the community.

"Selby Education Foundation has provided crucial support, financially and academically to our students and faculty, which has been invaluable in advancing the educational experience possible at Selby," said Carolyn Williams, Principal of Selby Lane School. "As I look at our art, music, reading and academic programs, in particular, I can see how the Selby Lane team and SEF together are making great progress in working towards our vision of having a great school for a great community."

### EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

Congratulations to Bill Butler for being selected as the Employee of the Quarter. Bill was nominated by a fellow employee for being very helpful to other employees and the public, for being responsive to needs, and always willing to lend a hand. Bill has been known to jump in and help out without being asked when he sees that assistance is needed to get a job done. As one staff member pointed out, it is the little things he does everyday that shows he is a kind-hearted person. Thank you, Bill, for making Atherton a friendlier place to work!



## THE YEAR FOR DISASTER PREPARATION IN ATHERTON

"2007 is the year Atherton residents should get ready for the Big One," said Atherton resident Peter Carpenter. "A huge temblor could happen at any time so all of us have got to be prepared.

"If we have a really serious disaster, nearly all the things that we normally rely upon, on a day-to-day basis, will either be degraded or unavailable," he added.

Many people think they'll get help from safety personnel in just two minutes by picking up their phone and dialing 911, said the director of the Menlo Park Fire Protection District. But if it really is a major disaster, fire and police personnel will first head for the largest problems like a collapsed school or wrecked long-term-care facility where they can make a big difference.

In addition, electrical power may not be available for days or even weeks. Past experience has revealed that Lindenwood, for example, is of relatively low priority for having its power restored since it's taken as long as three days to get the lights going in past events, Carpenter said.

That's why Carpenter, and approximately 100 other Atherton residents, have recently purchased generators that can run on gasoline or other fuels like diesel or propane. These power sources can keep a refrigerator and freezer cold with only a few hours of generator operation per day.

"To prepare for a major disaster, we must create a new mindset that says, 'I'm not going to wait for the government to help me...I'm going to do it for myself,'" he said.

Carpenter added, "And don't think that because you made it thru the Loma Prieta Earthquake that you're going to have it unscathed after the next one. You should know that a 1906-type earthquake released almost 32 times as much energy as Loma Prieta."

Here are Carpenter's tips about how to prepare for the coming major disaster:

❑ Store enough drinkable water to last several weeks. If you have a pool, you can use that water but you must have chlorine to make it sanitary. You should have enough water to drink, to cook with, and to flush your toilets (which may not be working if the sewage plant is without power).

❑ Always keep a minimum of a month's supply of "must have" pharmaceuticals because the pharmacy might not have enough stock or may be unable to sell it to you because the computers are down, or they can't verify your credit card.

❑ Since credit cards may not be useable for a period of time, you must have enough \$5 and \$20 bills to pay for what you'll need. Keep in mind that entrepreneurs might invoke "supply and demand" pricing, so you might have to hand over up to three times the usual price.

❑ Fill up your car's tank when it reaches the half-way-full point so that you can get home without depending on gas stations that might be closed down.

❑ Think primitive so that you can sustain yourself and your family even if your house is damaged so much that it would be dangerous to stay inside. If you do a lot of camping you may already have much of what you need.

❑ Be generous in your preparations because the emergency might last much longer than you might expect. That's because the Association Bay Area Governments expects approximately 300 road closures in San Mateo County alone following a major earthquake. Contributing to the blocked roads will be downed bridges, telephone poles, and trees. These obstructions will delay outside assistance at least two to three weeks. Restoration of power and telephone lines could be significantly longer because many power poles will have to be replaced.

Carpenter added, "Don't hesitate. The welfare of you and the people you care about is in your hands. So you should begin taking precautions now and don't stop until you're fully prepared."

Council Member Kathy McKeithen said her goal is see a laptop in each police car with appropriate software.