

**Message from the Fire Chief**

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The Fire District operates seven stations in these communities with one station located in Atherton and four more adjoining the Town. The District recently purchased a new Fire Engine for the Atherton Fire Station, Station Three, located at 32 Almendral Avenue. Each station is staffed with a Captain, Engineer and Firefighter Paramedic with the vast majority of calls for service in Atherton being emergency medical in nature. Over the next several issues, I will be reviewing fire safety concerns and issues that the Fire District has specifically related to the Town for you and your families' safety and wellbeing. If you have any questions, please never hesitate to give me a call or send me an e-mail. I can be reached at (650)688-8426 or [harolds@menlofire.org](mailto:harolds@menlofire.org).

**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)*

**November 2007**

6	Atherton Rail Committee	6:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
7	Park & Rec. Committee	6:30 p.m.	H-P Park, Main House
9	Special Arts Committee Meeting	10:00 a.m.	H-P Park, Garden Room
10	Disaster Preparedness Committee	9:00 a.m.	Council Chambers
12	<b>Veteran's Day Holiday - Town Offices Closed</b>		
13	General Plan Committee	7:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
14	Special City Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
15	Tree Committee	4:00 p.m.	Admin. Offices Mtg. Rm.
17	City Council	<b>CANCELLED</b>	
22	<b>Thanksgiving Day Holiday - Town Offices Closed</b>		
23	<b>Day after Thanksgiving Holiday - Town Offices Closed</b>		
27	Arts Committee	1:00 p.m.	H-P Park, Garden Room
28	Planning Commission	<b>CANCELLED</b>	

**December 2007**

4	Atherton Rail Comm.	6:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
5	Planning Commission	6:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
5	Park & Rec. Committee	6:30 p.m.	H-P Park, Main House
8	Disaster Preparedness Committee	9:00 a.m.	Council Chambers
19	City Council	7:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
20	Tree Committee	4:00 p.m.	Admin. Offices Mtg. Rm.
25	Arts Committee	<b>CANCELLED</b>	
25	<b>Christmas Day Holiday - Town Offices Closed</b>		

**January 2008**

1	<b>New Years Holiday - Town Offices Closed</b>		
TBA	Atherton Rail Committee	6:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
2	Park & Rec. Committee	6:30 p.m.	H-P Park, Main House
2	Environmental Programs Committee	10:00 a.m.	Admin. Offices Mtg. Rm.
8	Transportation Committee	6:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
14	<b>Martin Luther King Jr., Day Holiday - Town Offices Closed</b>		
16	City Council	7:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
17	Tree Committee	4:00 p.m.	Admin. Offices Mtg. Rom.
22	Arts Committee	1:00 p.m.	H-P Park, Garden Room
23	Planning Commission	6:00 p.m.	Council Chambers



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**EFFICIENT LAWN WATERING REDUCING SPRINKLER RUNOFF**



How often do you see sprinklers functioning but the water is pointlessly running into the gutter? Sometimes does it seem like the street is getting more water than grass, trees, shrubs and other plants? Green gutters are caused primarily by runoff of excess water and fertilizer that promotes algae growth.

The main cause of runoff is that more water is applied than can be absorbed into the soil. Another cause of runoff is misdirected sprinkler heads that point or overspray on to the pavement. As well as wasting water, runoff can cause erosion and pollute our storm water, which goes to the Bay, with fertilizers and other chemicals. It is estimated that 25% of the water processed for human consumption is wasted by inefficient irrigation practices in the landscape. Maintain your irrigation system regularly. Check the coverage of sprinkler heads routinely and adjust them if they create runoff on walks and driveways.

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**THE ONLY TIME TO PREPARE IS BEFORE A DISASTER**



In preparation for a disaster, Lindenwood Homes Association (LHA) started assigning each of their 485 homes to one of three districts called Red, White, and Blue in order to make radio communications easier and more accurate. Inside the Red, White, and Blue districts are much smaller groupings of houses whose owners could quickly help each other because they're relatively close to each other. In time, each district will have a

captain and sub-captains with specific duties assigned to each post.

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**IT'S EASIER THAN EVER TO PREPARE FOR A DISASTER**

Although many written guides say we should have a 3- to 5-day supply of food and water, they don't take into account the realities of the Bay Area. For example, a 1906-type earthquake could seriously damage many bridges and throw hundreds of trees and poles into the streets. That's why disaster experts now think it might take four to five weeks before supplies could arrive in quantity, even then it might take months to fix water aqueducts from places like the Hetch Hetchy.

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**FIRE SAFETY IN ATHERTON**

Hello my name is Harold Schapelhouman and I am the new Fire Chief for the Menlo Park Fire Protection District. I became the Fire Chief in January of 2007 after 25 years of working with the Fire District.



The Menlo Park Fire Protection District provides life safety and fire protection for not only the Town of Atherton but also the Cities of Menlo Park and East Palo Alto along with portions of Unincorporated San Mateo County.

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**Selby Lane School Partners with  
Community To Achieve Prestigious  
International Baccalaureate Program  
(IBO) Certification**



Selby Education Foundation (SEF) announced a major milestone in its fundraising efforts to support Selby Lane School, a community school serving Redwood City and Atherton. Selby Lane School has been awarded accreditation by the prestigious International Baccalaureate Program (<http://www.ibo.org/>), a significant education milestone in the school's four-year transformation effort to support academic excellence. This milestone for Selby Lane School was achieved with support and major funding efforts from the Selby Education Foundation (SEF) and the Redwood City School District for the introduction of transformational programming and educational resources.

Over the last four years, Selby Lane School, which serves parts of Redwood City and Atherton, has invested in an aggressive academic improvement program, culminating in accreditation as an IB Middle Years school. IBO is an organization that sets and monitors standards for top academic achievement and enrichment. Launching the IBO Middle Years Program (MYP) is designed to provide a private-school level of quality education at Selby Lane School, and will leverage recent improvements in the school's curriculum and infrastructure. Recent examples include enhanced language instruction and a greatly expanded visual and performing arts program. Children who continue on to 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.

IBO certification places Selby Lane School in the ranks of a small, select group of private and public schools to achieve accreditation. At last count, there were only 18 schools in all of California with an accredited IBO middle years program, many of which are private schools.

The public-private partnership to achieve this goal included a number of organizations, including

Redwood City Council, Redwood City School District, Selby Education Foundation, Selby Lane School, and The Westly Foundation.

Selby Lane School's accreditation is a key milestone, but not an endpoint. SEF is committed to providing ongoing financial and volunteer support to help the students and teachers at the school; key projects including funding to support additional language and music programs, teacher training, and additional computing and multimedia systems for the classroom. For information on supporting the SEF IB Fund and other programs, please visit SEF on the web at: [www.selbyeducationfoundation.org](http://www.selbyeducationfoundation.org).

**Atherton Adopts 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division**

Americans Supporting Americans (ASA) provides a mechanism for communities to "adopt" a unit of the United States Armed Services. ASA recently contacted the Town and requested Atherton adopt a particular military division, the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne, because the division commander is from Atherton.

ASA is dedicated to supporting our fighting men and women throughout the world. Atherton was specifically selected to support the United States Army, 2d Battalion, 327<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade, 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division because the commander of that unit grew up in Atherton and attended Atherton Schools. Police Officer Dean DeVlugt, a veteran of the armed services, has volunteered to represent Atherton to the ASA and our adopted military division. From the Vietnam War to the Persian Gulf War to the Global War on Terrorism, ASA continues its mission of raising our military's morale through creating a bridge between our civilian and military communities.

Other cities in San Mateo County have adopted military units via ASA, including Hillsborough, Burlingame and San Mateo. The ASA website can be accessed at [www.asa-usa.org](http://www.asa-usa.org).



Officer DeVlugt will act as the liaison between Atherton schools and our adopted military division. He has already contacted several schools in Atherton who have pledged to aid the morale of the men and women of our adopted military division.

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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

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California Water Service	367-6800
Pacific Gas & Electric	(800) 743-5000
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Animal Control	363-4840
Assessor	363-4500
Library	328-2422
Spvsr Richard Gordon, 3rd District	363-4569
Voter Registration	312-5222
<b>Menlo Park Fire District</b>	
Business/Administration Office	688-8400
Emergency	323-2404 or 911
<b>Waste / Recycling</b>	
Allied Waste / BFI	592-2411
Recycling	637-1411
Fair Oaks Sanitation District .....	363-4100
West Bay Sanitation District .....	321-0384

**TAKE A MINUTE TO DOWNLOAD A MANUAL THAT MIGHT  
SAVE YOUR LIFE AND THE LIVES OF YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

Here's your chance. Go to <http://www.fluwikic.com/> and download the 1.6mb file that's entitled "flumanual1.3.pdf", the document's creation was funded by Jane and Peter Carpenter of Atherton. According to Bob Jenkins, chair of Atherton's Disaster Preparedness Committee, this carefully compiled document is the "state of the art" for a pandemic manual that's aimed to assist the public. The forward, written by Dr. David L. Heymann, Executive Director of Communicable Diseases of the World Health Organization, states "Most public

**HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS**

(All area codes are 650 unless otherwise noted.)

**DIRECTORY**

*Contacts & Telephone Numbers*

<b>Main Number</b>	<b>752-0500</b>
Fax Number	688-6528
email:	<a href="mailto:atherton@ci.atherton.ca.us">atherton@ci.atherton.ca.us</a>
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<b>Building</b>	
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Information/Inspections	752-0560
Daily Inspection Schedule	752-0561
<b>City Attorney</b>	
Marc Hynes, City Attorney	967-6941
<b>City Manager</b>	
Wendé Protzman, City Manager	752-0504
Letty Juarez, Assistant to the City Manager	752-0546
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
<b>Police</b>	
Robert Brennan, Chief of Police	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

## Programs for Children at the Atherton Library

**October 29th, 4:00 p.m.: MAGIC SHOW WITH MAGIC DAN.** Tricks and treats for ages 3 and up.

**November 13th, 4:00 p.m.: AUTHOR ZILPHA KEATLEY SNYDER.** A special visit with the Newbery Award winning author of “The Egypt Game” and “The Unseen,” in honor of Children’s Book Week. For ages 5 and older. Don’t miss this exciting opportunity! You may bring books for signing to the program.

**December 10th, 4:00 p.m.: “HOLIDAY TREATS” PUPPET SHOW.** Holiday Treats is an original thirty minute holiday show from Nick Barone Puppets. Filled with lovable and friendly monsters, this comical story is perfect for families to enjoy.

**January 14th, 4:00 p.m.: DAFFY DAVE.** The Daffy Dave show is filled with comedy and zany antics. Fun for all ages.

**CHESS FOR FUN:** For children 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and older. Chess classes to teach strategies and practical techniques. Participants will have time to play one another. Knowledge of basic chess moves is required. Nov 7th, Dec 5th, Jan 9th at 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

**FINAL FRIDAY FLICKS:** Join us the last Friday of the month at 7:00 p.m. for movies the whole family will enjoy! The final film of this year is October 26th. Free refreshments provided by the Friends of the Atherton Library.

### STORYTIMES

**Toddler Time.** Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. through Dec 11. For children ages 18-36 months.

**Preschool Storytime.** Tuesday afternoons at 3:30 p.m. through Dec 11. For children ages 3-6.  
Note: No storytime on November 13th. .

**Musical Storytime.** Oct 10th and 24th; Nov 14th and 28<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. Family storytime for all ages.

If you wish to sponsor a special children’s program, contact the librarian for details at 328-2422, ext. 225. For upcoming adult programs, contact the library at 328-2422.

## Preparing Before a Disaster

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Much of the interest in disaster preparation was generated last winter when the Lindenwood Homes Association sent a massive mailing of eight separate disaster preparedness pieces to its residents. The literature solicited enrollment in CERT, PEP, and ham radio programs and now LHA has 28 people who have completed the CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) course and another six that hold amateur radio (HAM) licenses.

In the event of a disaster Lindenwood residents will be asked to go down their assigned streets with their house list and check to see if people are OK. If there’s a problem, they’ll try to get help for them thru HAMS and CERT. “We don’t want to get ourselves in trouble by having complex duties. We emphasize what CERT trainers say, don’t become a victim yourself. Don’t overdo it,” says Philip Lively, president of LHA.

To avoid having to rely on individuals to provide tools of various kinds to fix a variety of situations, LHA has produced a sample collection of hand tools in a small container that could be stored without being a standout. Small caches of these throughout the neighborhood could make all the difference. For more information, please contact Phil Lively at 650-328-7660.

## NOTICE TO VOTERS CRITICAL ELECTION CHANGES

The San Mateo County Registrar of Voters Office recently completed an inventory and analysis of polling locations in use in San Mateo County. As a result, some polling places were moved, some were combined with others, and some were decommissioned altogether. Also, as a result of this precinct review, 56 of 563 precincts were re-designated as all-mail ballot precincts. Voters in the all-mail ballot precincts will be notified by mail of the change.

Voters are encouraged to double-check their polling location by checking the back of their Sample Ballot. **The address of the polling location is printed on the back cover.** Additionally, information is posted on the SMC Registrar of Voters website at [www.shapethefuture.org](http://www.shapethefuture.org). There is a link to input your address to find your polling place.

## Efficient Lawn Watering

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Avoid leaks and breaks by clearing the system of water before a winter freeze. The tips below will help you avoid runoff and waste when you water your lawn.

### For Established Lawns:

- ◆ Based upon soil characteristics, water will soak into the ground at differing rates. Sandy soils have high (fast) infiltration rates, while clay soils have low (slow) infiltration rates. If the precipitation rate of the sprinkler heads exceeds the soil’s infiltration rate, then runoff and erosion occur (especially on slopes). On flat ground, this will also lead to puddling. If your sprinklers’ precipitation rate exceeds the infiltration rate, lower precipitation rate heads can be installed, or you can shorten your watering times and use multiple start times (e.g. 3 start times at 5 minutes each at 1-hour intervals instead of 15 minutes all at once) to allow the water to soak into the soil.
- ◆ For hand watering, use the cycle and soak method of watering. Run sprinkler for 5-7 minutes and then let it soak while you move on to a new area. Then come back and do another short cycle.
- ◆ Core aerate every year in spring and/or fall. Leave the plugs to break down naturally and top dress aeration holes with compost.
- ◆ Adjust sprinklers to only spray on grass and planted surfaces and away from paved surfaces.
- ◆ If you have sprinklers that spray across the sidewalks, retrofit them. There should be no wasteful overspray onto sidewalk, patio, driveway or street. If there is overspray, replace the nozzle with another with the appropriate spray pattern (e.g. 180° instead of 360°) or relocate the sprinkler head.
- ◆ Consider removing turf along sidewalks if you can’t keep it green. Replace with flower, shrub beds or mulch.



### For New Lawns:

- ◆ Amend your soil properly with 4-6 cubic yards of compost per 1000 square feet of area and incorporate it in to a minimum depth of 6-8 inches.

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## Easy To Prepare For A Disaster

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Here’s what you may absolutely need to survive:

1. Water is mandatory and must be available. Water can be stored for five years when using the correct containers and chemicals, which are readily available at such outdoor suppliers as the Redwood Trading Post.
2. Food is also a life or death item, but, it’s easier to obtain than most people realize. Costco offers a commercial-quality pail that contains some 250 freeze-dried food servings that last up to 20 years. They require only something like 16 gallons of water to reconstitute all the meals. The price is something like \$125 delivered to your door!
3. This last preparation is equally important, but it may be the most difficult. That’s because a disaster may catch you some place other than home. And because so many obstacles litter the streets, your only way to get home is to walk. As one CHP officer said, “The freeways will soon become a parking lot as people hear on their radios that the bridges are down.” That means you must carry excellent walking shoes in your car at all time. In addition you may need clothing, water and food that will keep you operational for the several days it might take you to get home.

## Efficient Lawn Watering *Continued from previous column*

- ◆ Avoid putting turf on areas that slope to paved surfaces or that may cause problems for your neighbors.
- ◆ Use the areas between grass and paved surfaces as transition areas for shrubs, flowers and ground covers. These plants get the over spray from sprinklers rather than paved surfaces.
- ◆ Don't design sprinklers to spray across sidewalks!
- ◆ Lay a soaker hose out on dry spots and turn it on low.
- ◆ Make sure that the spray from the head is not obstructed by vegetation or other objects. Trim back vegetation or raise the sprinkler heads as needed. This will increase the system's uniformity of coverage.
- ◆ If the spray pattern of a head is distorted, brown spots may develop on the lawn. This may be caused by blockage in the screen or in the nozzle itself, and the head may need to be cleaned. If this does not fix the problem, the nozzle may be worn and needs to be replaced.

## MORE DANGEROUS THAN TOBACCO SMOKE

**What would you do if you discovered you were breathing something 40 times more toxic than tobacco smoke?** The Bay Area Air Quality Management District warns that **air pollution in Atherton and other Bay Area cities exceeds federal standards.**

“The largest single source of outdoor fine particles (PM2.5) entering into our homes...is our neighbor’s fireplace or wood stove....only a few hours of wood burning in a single home at night can raise fine particle concentrations in dozens of surrounding homes throughout the neighborhood and cause PAH concentrations higher than 2,000 ng/m3.” [Dr. Wayne Ott, Stanford University, Personal Exposure Research]

How does Dr. Ott know this? He measured it in nine Bay Area locations—one neighborhood he studied was in Redwood City, adjacent to the Selby Lane border of Atherton.

“Wood smoke free radicals are chemically active for twenty minutes; **tobacco smoke**, for thirty seconds. **Wood smoke** may attack our bodies’ cells up to **forty times longer** once inhaled.” [Lachocki, Pryor, et al, *Persistent Free Radicals in Wood Smoke*, Louisiana State University.]

“Mammalian lungs don’t have defenses against small particles.” [Joel Schwartz, “*Tiny Particles, Big Dilemma*,” *Business Week*, Aug. 4, 1997.] Sixty to 74 percent of wood particulate matter is less than one micron in diameter. The diameter of a human hair is from 50 to 100 microns. Because the particles in wood smoke are so fine, “face masks are not effective filters.” [Mary Rozenberg, *Clean Air Revival, Inc.*]

Wood smoke “contains many irritating gases and chemicals. However, the biggest danger is particulate matter so small that thirty particles fit on a red blood cell. Unlike a soft tobacco tar, the **WS particles can be solid, chemical coated pieces of wood.** Once inside the lung these wooden ‘daggers’ **swell up** in the moist atmosphere and can cause even more damage than a softer smoke.” [Burning Issues newsletter – <http://burningissues.org>] Infants, young children,

women, older adults, people who exercise rigorously and people with existing health issues are most at risk from exposure to wood smoke. Asthma, heart disease, strokes, clogged arteries, cancer, eye and skin irritation, compromised pulmonary immune defense mechanisms, disruption of cellular membranes, and premature death for 30,000 Americans per year are some of the documented risks of wood smoke inhalation.

Wood smoke doesn’t just drift up into the air and disappear. It “...creeps and seeps about in the night, into the air around and inside our homes.” [Mary Rozenberg, “Wood Smoke Particles in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century,” *Burning Issues, a project of Clean Air Revival, inc.*]

Wood smoke particulates are so fine that they drift into our homes, even with our well-insulated doors and double-pane windows tightly closed. Indoor pollution has been measured at from 60% to 90% of the outdoor pollution level.

“Warm air is always escaping from your house and is replaced by unheated outdoor air. The typical house has one-half to two air exchanges per hour and more on windy and/or very cold days. **...if the outside air is smoky, soon your air inside will be too.**” [Bay Area Air Quality Management District.]

**What is the easy solution? Stop burning wood.** If you don’t want to give up the cozy ambiance of a fireplace fire, consider the alternatives. Improved gas and electric fireplaces are affordable and more realistic than you might think. Technifex, a company in Valencia, CA, created a holographic or “virtual” fireplace for the Cerritos Library—an image projected on steam, complete with the crackling sound effects of a real fire, but with no fire and without the pesky maintenance real wood fires require . . . no smoke, no danger of setting your home on fire and no risk to children or pets. To learn more about wood smoke, go to: <http://burningissues.org> . . . a source picked by the BBC for Educational Excellence.

### 101st Airborne

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Their support will include the mailing of cards, letters and gifts to those serving our country. Officer DeVlugt will create a method for residents to support our adopted military division as well. He can be contacted at 650-688-6500.

## Traveling Magazine Solicitors Canvassing Atherton

Traveling magazine solicitors are in town again and the Atherton Police Department wants to remind residents of our ordinance regarding door-to-door soliciting. Unlicensed solicitors are common in Atherton and the Police Department is happy to respond and correct this behavior. The Police Department has recently received many phone calls regarding a group of magazine solicitors who represent a company that has been visiting Atherton for decades. The company is from out-of-state and most of the solicitors are not native to this area. They are transported here by their companies and lodged in local motels. One of these solicitors is currently under investigation for a theft in Atherton.

Whether a solicitor at your door represents a profit or non-profit organization, specific rules apply:

### All Solicitors

- Solicitors must respect signs prohibiting trespassing and soliciting.
- Soliciting is permitted between 9 AM and 8:30 PM Monday through Saturday. No soliciting on Sundays or national holidays.
- Solicitors shall approach the property by the front entrance only.
- Each solicitor must carry identification showing affiliation with a particular organization.

### For Profit Organizations

- Organizations must complete a solicitor application with the police department and the individual solicitors must be fingerprinted. Permits are only issued to solicitors after favorable fingerprint results are received by the police department.
- Solicitors for profit organizations must carry with them a blue Town of Atherton Solicitor’s Permit signed by the Chief of Police.

### Non-Profit Organizations

- Non-profit organizations must receive written permission from the Chief of Police. A copy of this letter must be carried by the individual solicitor and presented to the resident upon request. They are not required to carry a blue Town of Atherton Solicitor’s Permit.

## EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

Congratulations to Kristin Nichols for being selected as the Employee of the Quarter. Kristin, a Police Officer since March 2001, worked particularly hard over the past three months. She has not only done her job as Police Officer, but has also overseen the critical tasks of the CSO and Detective Sergeant while they have been on leave. She has made sure that service to the community has not been compromised. Kristin is described as a “hard worker. Period! with great work ethics.”



Thank you, Kristin, for all you do for the Town of Atherton!

## New Permit Technician

Debbie Martinez received her Masters in Urban Planning from San Jose State University and began her municipal government experience in the Town of Portola Valley in 2004. There she worked in Planning and Building; and prior to that, for San Jose State University and Celeritek, Inc., all big contributors to her organizational, communication and customer service skills and strong work ethics. Her experience has already been noted as an asset to our Town.



Debbie likes to travel, go on picnics, and spend time with family. Her favorite past time is reading in a cozy, quiet spot with her kitty Jason by her side. She lives by the motto: “I breathe therefore I read”! Debbie likes to read on a variety of subjects, but her favorites are history and biography. Welcome Debbie!