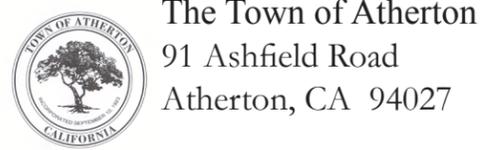


# CALENDAR

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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April 2007		
3	Atherton Rail Comm.	6:00 p.m.
4	Environmental Programs Comm.	10:00 a.m.
4	Park & Rec. Comm.	6:30 p.m.
10	Transportation Committee	6:00 p.m.
18	City Council	7:00 p.m.
19	Tree Committee	4:00 p.m.
24	Arts Committee	1:00 p.m.
25	Planning Commission	6:00 p.m.
May 2007		
1	Atherton Rail Comm.	6:00 p.m.
2	General Plan Committee	6:00 p.m.
2	Park & Rec. Comm.	6:30 p.m.
14	Drainage Workshop	7:00 p.m.
16	City Council	7:00 p.m.
17	Tree Committee	4:00 p.m.
22	Arts Committee	1:00 p.m.
25	Planning Commission	6:00 p.m.
June 2007		
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6	Park & Rec. Comm.	6:30 p.m.
20	City Council	7:00 p.m.
21	Tree Committee	4:00 p.m.
26	Arts Committee	1:00 p.m.
27	Planning Commission	6:00 p.m.
July 2007		
3	Atherton Rail Comm.	6:00 p.m.
4	Independence Day - Town Offices Closed	
10	Transportation Committee	6:00 p.m.
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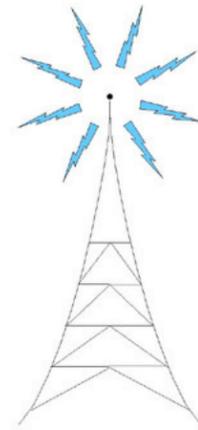
# ATHERTONIAN

Quarterly Newsletter for Atherton Residents Spring 2007

## KCEA 89.1 FM YOUR DISASTER RADIO STATION!

## ATHERTON'S EARTH ACTION WEEK APRIL 15-21

KCEA 89.1 FM, a nonprofit radio station, located on the campus of Menlo-Atherton High School, supports the Atherton Disaster Program by allowing us to override its broadcasts from our dispatch center. This is one way our community would learn about local and regional disasters, available shelters, etc.



KCEA staff is trying to modernize the stations technical ability to transmit during an emergency on behalf of the authorities of the Town of Atherton from any location or emergency command post, especially when normal lines of communication are down (for example in the event of an earthquake). This enhancement will also serve in the same manner if staff were to be evacuated from the Middlefield Road studios, say in the event of a bomb threat or chemical spill.

They could relocate their portable equipment and continue to transmit emergency instructions on behalf of the Town in broadcast quality via cell from any location.

KCEA 89.1 radio station at MAHS is in desperate need of funding to replace antiquated equipment. Much of the equipment in use utilizes technology from the 1970s and 1980s.

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Last year the California State Legislature passed, and the Governor signed, AB32 committing California to reducing greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels by 2020. In response, the Atherton Town Council and staff are in the process of developing programs for more energy efficient Town facilities, and local schools are implementing sustainable practices and educating residents by promoting the Town's Environmental Art Contest. However, personal cars and homes account for more than half of greenhouse gas emissions.

Atherton homes consume four times the Bay Area average for electricity and gas and pay 10% more in higher rates than any other city in the Bay Area.

Athertonians can have a large impact and set the example for conservation of natural resources by making easy changes in lifestyles and reducing consumption of energy.

For Earth Week, the Atherton Environmental Programs Committee has created fun and informative activities to assist homeowners in their efforts to reduce energy consumption and to help the Earth throughout the year. During this week we will launch a Solar Discount Program and the Green Building Awards Program for 2007. For more information on the Atherton Environmental Programs Committee visit [www.AthertonGreen.net](http://www.AthertonGreen.net)

**Calendar of Earth Week Events**  
**Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, Calculate Your Carbon Emissions** through web sites such as [www.Acterra.org](http://www.Acterra.org) and [www.terrapass.org](http://www.terrapass.org). Have a household discussion on how to take action and commit to sustainable practices throughout the year. Consider an energy audit of your home.

**Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, Change a Bulb-Save a Watt.** Home lightening is the third largest contributor of  
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**EARTH WEEK**

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CO2, a global warming pollutant, in 18 seconds you can change from a standard incandescent bulb to compact florescent lamps (CFL) which use one-third the energy. To find out more, visit [www.18Seconds.org](http://www.18Seconds.org).

**Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, Sign-up for PG&E Climate Smart.** Go to [www.pge.com](http://www.pge.com) to reduce the impact of your homes carbon emissions for 3% of your monthly bill. Check your car's tires and replace the air filter to improve gas mileage by up to 7%.

**Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, Trade in your Mercury Thermometer** for a free digital one at the Permit Center.

**Movie Showing** at 7:00 p.m. at Holbrook-Palmer Park in the Pavilion: **"An Inconvenient Truth"**

**Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m. at Holbrook-Palmer Park, Learn How Solar Can be Profitable** from day one by Solar City. From 8:00 - 8:30 p.m. enjoy a presentation by Acterra on simple tips to be Green@ Home with opening remarks by Ph.D. Climatologist, Julio Magalhaes.

**Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at Holbrook-Palmer Park**  
**Movie Showing** at 7:00 p.m.: **"Who Killed the Electric Car"**  
**Movie Showing** at 9:00 p.m.: a second showing of **"An Inconvenient Truth"**

**Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 10:00 - 4:00 p.m., Come to Earth Expo Day** at the Holbrook-Palmer Park and ride a Tesla electric sports car and drive electric scooters. Participate in a free electronic waste drop-off and get a free reusable shopping bag. At 1:00 p.m. enjoy the Around the World in Eight Animals Show by Wild Things, look at fashionable and sustainable furniture and lifestyle exhibits, eat an organic lunch, get solar information, and have your children make pots and plant seeds with Hidden Villa.

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**ATHERTON APPOINTS NEW BUILDING OFFICIAL**



Congratulations to Mike Wasmann for his promotion to Building Official. Mike started with the Town of Atherton in 1996 as a Building Inspector/Plan Reviewer and was promoted to Senior Building Inspector/Plan Reviewer in March 2003.

A native of San Mateo, Mike attended local schools and studied aeronautics at College of San Mateo. He obtained his private pilot's license in 1967. Before coming to the Town, Mike owned and operated a general contracting business in the Bay Area for 19 years.

Mike lives in Redwood City with his wife Judy and daughter Jacki, who attends a local college. Mike enjoys traveling with his family, woodworking, camping, and outdoor activities.

**NEVER TOO EARLY TO PLAN FOR A Barbecue**

**SAVE THE DATE** – Mark your calendars for the fall Holbrook Palmer Park *"Swing in the Park"* B-B-Q on Sunday, September 9, 2007, sponsored by Holbrook-Palmer Park Foundation/Atherton Dames. There will be fun, music, and good food for all – and – there will be unique and wonderful swings for auction. Proceeds from this event will go toward projects in the Landscape Master Plan for Holbrook-Palmer Park.

**EARTH WEEK** *from previous column*

**Saturday, Night, April 21<sup>st</sup> @ 7:00 p.m., Network with Other Environmentally Interested "Greenies"** at Eco-Dance in the Pavilion with music performed by the Pork-Bellies Band. Watch an Eco-Fashion show, learn about green living products, enjoy award winning organic wines and satisfying organic appetizers. Tickets: \$35.00 in advance, \$50.00 at the door.

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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)  
*acarlson@ci.atherton.ca.us*
- James R. Janz, Vice Mayor 325-8666 (wk)  
*jjanz@ci.atherton.ca.us*
- Jerry Carlson, Council Member 321-1327  
*jcarlson@ci.atherton.ca.us*
- Charles E. Marsala, Council Member 328-7113  
*cmarsala@ci.atherton.ca.us*
- Kathleen McKeithen, Council Member 321-3633  
*kmckeithen@ci.atherton.ca.us*

**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*

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Fax Number 688-6528  
email: [atherton@ci.atherton.ca.us](mailto:atherton@ci.atherton.ca.us)

**Animal Control** 363-4840

**Building**  
Mike Wasmann 752-0518  
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  
Wende Protzman 752-0546  
Assistant to the City Manager  
Kathi Hamilton  
Acting City Clerk 752-0529

**Town Planner**  
Neal Martin, Town Planner 799-8466  
Lisa Costa Sanders,  
Deputy Town Planner 333-0248

**Finance**  
John Johns, Director 752-0531  
Paula Pierce,  
Assistant Director 752-0519

**Library** 328-2422

**Police**  
Robert Brennan 752-0506  
General Information 688-6500  
Emergency 9-1-1

**Post Office**  
General Information 752-0500

**Public Works**  
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

**Heritage Room**  
Atherton Heritage Association 688-6540

## SPRING EVENTS

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August 31 – **Beauty and the Beast** (1991) Belle, whose father Maurice is imprisoned by the Beast (really an enchanted Prince), offers herself instead and finds the prince inside the Beast. A Walt Disney Production. Rated G.

### ICE CREAM SOCIAL AND BOOK EXCHANGE:

Saturday, June 9 from 1:00-3:00 PM  
Bring a book and take a book, and have some free ice cream in the Library Secret Garden! Bring the whole family!

**The Mondays at 4:00 PM programs, Final Friday Flicks, and Ice Cream Socials are sponsored by the Friends of the Atherton Library. If you wish to sponsor a special children's program, contact the librarian for details at 328-2422, ext. 225.**

### ADULT PROGRAMS:

Diablo Dance Company Presents **A Revolution in Aesthetic: Isadora Duncan's Dance and Legacy** Tuesday, April 17 at 7:00 p.m. Diablo Dance Company director Lois Flood and dance scholar Dr. Joanna Harris in a compelling interpretation of modern dance pioneer Isadora Duncan. Flood performs Duncan's dances and Harris tells the riveting story of Duncan's life.

Classical Guitarist Concert with Peter Fletcher Sunday, April 22 at 5:00 p.m., Reception in the Secret Garden at 4:30 p.m. Classical guitarist Peter Fletcher returns to Atherton following his February 2007 performance at Carnegie Hall. He will perform works by Bach, Satie, and Fernando Sor. CDs will be available for purchase and signing after the concert. Reception is sponsored by the Atherton Arts Committee.



**The Art of Gaman** with Author Delphine Hirasuna Wednesday, May 9 at 7:30 p.m. The author will give a slide talk about the art displayed in her book, *The Art of Gaman: Arts and Crafts from the Japanese American Internment Camps, 1942-1946*. Gaman is the Japanese word for bearing the seemingly unbearable with dignity and patience.

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## GOOD NEIGHBORING

Did you know that Atherton receives many requests for service from residents that can be solved by good basic neighbor-to-neighbor relations?

Barking dogs are a good example. A good rule of thumb is if barking continues on a regular basis for a period of five minutes or more, or intermittently over a half hour, it is a nuisance and a friendly neighbor-to-neighbor contact with the dog's owner, many times, will work wonders.

Another example where a good neighbor policy works well is in the proper management of contractors. Contractors who are required to keep construction sites clean and neat, who don't allow workers to park in front of the neighbors, who respect 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. work and delivery hours, and do not work on weekends or holidays tend to make the inevitable disruption caused by a construction project more bearable.



Don't overlook the value of talking with your neighbors about potential problems, and remember that a little personal conversation or a simple wave as they drive by can be an excellent ice breaker.

Common courtesy and good neighbor communications! The Town staff is committed to solutions like this.

## SPRING EVENTS

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The art that Hirasuna collected was usually submitted by the children of those interred as a way to honor their parents and show their creativity and resilience.

**Kepler's Recommends: Best Picks for Book Clubs** Wednesday, June 6 at 7:30 p.m.

The staff of the oldest independent bookstore on the Peninsula will suggest their top book picks for book clubs. Whether or not you belong to a book club, these recommendations are golden. Kepler's will raffle off a \$30 gift card and a gourmet ice cream certificate at each book event. Kick back and beat the heat this summer with an ice cream and a good book!

## SELBY EDUCATION FOUNDATION ASKING FOR DONATIONS TOWARD SELBY LANE SCHOOL LIBRARY FUND

Many of Selby Lane School's library shelves are still empty and need outside donations to help purchase books for the children.



The successful Yes Reading program, at Selby, has helped to stimulate the kids to check out and read more library books.

A recent donor to the Library Fund received a number of sincere thank you letters from children who had read and enjoyed books purchased by the library with the donation money. The letters show the kids have a great desire to have more such books.

Donations may be made to the Library Fund through the Selby Education Foundation, 50 Woodside Plaza, Suite 513, Redwood City, CA 94061.

## EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER



Congratulations to Melanie Brabenec for being selected as the Employee of the Quarter. Melanie was nominated by a fellow employee for taking on extra hours and duties to help out the Town when circumstances brought about the need.

Melanie willingly accepted new assignments, took the time to learn new tasks, and developed skills to do the job well. Melanie began working for the Town as a temporary employee in 2004 and became an Office Assistant in 2005. Thank you, Melanie, for all your hard work and dedication to the Town of Atherton!

## NEW PHARMACEUTICAL COLLECTION PROGRAM

### Feeding Your Meds to the Fishes?

Medications flushed down the toilet can end up in our waterways and ocean. People used to think that flushing was proper disposal, but the active ingredients in medications are not removed in the wastewater treatment process.



Recent studies have linked mutations and decline in fish and other marine life to pharmaceutical substances such as antibiotics, birth control hormones, and antidepressants. You can now dispose of them safely and confidentially at the Atherton Police Department. The new RX Collection Program accepts all types of medications, from over-the-counter remedies to those defined as controlled substances.

Leave pharmaceuticals in their original containers, but remove or cross out any personal information. The collection box will be available April 23. Look for the clearly marked container outside the Town Hall lobby.

## CHILD RESTRAIN SYSTEMS (KIDS CAR SEATS)

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause for unintentional injury-related deaths among children ages 14 and under in the United States. Children restrained properly in Child Restrain Systems (CRS) have an 80% lower risk of fatal injury than those not restrained. It is estimated that 75 to 85 % of all Child Restraint Systems are installed or used incorrectly.

Two Atherton Officers have attended Child Passenger Safety Technician School and are now certified to perform CRS check-ups and instruct you in the proper use and installation of your CRS. If you would like to have a check-up performed on your CRS, please contact the Atherton Police Department at (650) 323-8471.

## GOT LIGHT?

### REPORTING STREET LIGHT OUTAGES

The Town of Atherton has a maintenance contract with P.G.& E. to maintain our street lights. If you are having problems with a street light or see an outage, please report it to our Public Works Department at (650) 752-0570, or email Judy Belmont directly at [jbellmont@ci.atherton.ca.us](mailto:jbellmont@ci.atherton.ca.us).



When reporting the outage, leave your name, a callback telephone number, address/location of the light, and a brief description of the problem. Public Works will then notify P.G.& E. of the needed repair. Typically, if the repair is routine, P.G.& E. will schedule the repair within the week.

Once the light is repaired, Public Works will notify you and/or the reporting party at the callback number that the light is working and ask you to check that night to confirm it. If the light is working, then no response is needed. If the street light is still not working, then please leave a message for Public Works to follow up. Occasionally, lights that need repairing beyond P.G.& E.'s routine maintenance will take longer to correct because of the need to obtain replacement parts or replace underground wiring.

Public Works appreciates your help in reporting the street light outages so that we can repair them as quickly as possible. Let us work together to keep our neighborhoods safe.

**STREET LIGHT OUTAGES - REPORT TO  
PUBLIC WORKS (650) 752-0570  
ALL OTHER ISSUES - REPORT TO P.G.& E.  
(800) 743-5000**

### FOUND WATCH

Woman's watch found in front of Council Chambers October 26, 2006.

For information, please contact Detective Kristin Nichols at 650-752-0511.



## ACIL ANNUAL MEETING – DEVELOPING NEIGHBORHOOD DISASTER RESOURCE TEAMS.

May 17, 2007, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at Holbrook-Palmer Park Pavilion

The Atherton Civic Interest League Board of Directors invites all Atherton residents to attend its annual meeting. The ACIL sees its role as catalyst in stimulating the community in areas of cooperation that benefit everyone. At last year's general meeting, the topic was disaster preparedness for residents, and over 230 community members were in attendance. This year's topic expands on the importance of neighbors helping neighbors form neighborhood disaster teams by using their own resources.

As you know in the case of a disaster, residents most likely will be on their own for the first 72 hours. Last year, the ACIL donated four-day family survival kits to every household who attended; and this year, ACIL will donate a combination disaster tool for turning off your home's gas & water main supplies and pry-bar for extraction purposes.

Last year's meeting improved community awareness and lead to the City Council forming its own disaster preparedness committee and budgeting funds for enhancing the Town's resources in case of a disaster. ACIL hopes this year's meeting will further enhance cooperation among the Atherton community, the Town of Atherton, and the Menlo Park Fire Protection District in developing neighborhood disaster preparedness programs. Mark your calendars for May 17<sup>th</sup> (7:00pm) at Holbrook-Palmer Park. You and your family can become part of preparing Atherton for disaster preparedness emergencies.

### YOUR DISASTER RADIO STATION! from pg 1

Though located on the campus of Menlo-Atherton High School, the radio station is not part of the Sequoia Union High School District; therefore, it receives no funding from the district. All funding is in the form of donations (mostly from listeners).

Please support KCEA and its ability to serve the Atherton Community. KCEA MEMBERSHIP, 555 Middlefield Road Atherton, CA 94027. You can visit the station's website at <http://www.kcea.org/>

## SPRING AND SUMMER EVENTS AT THE ATHERTON LIBRARY

### CHILDREN'S STORYTIMES:

#### Toddler Time

Tues mornings at 10:30 a.m., May 15 - August 14  
For children ages 18 months to 36 months.

#### Preschool Storytime

Tues afternoons at 3:30 p.m., May 15 - August 14  
For children ages 3-6.

#### Musical Storytime

2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month, 4:00 p.m.,  
June 13 – August 22. Family storytime for all ages.

### CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS MONDAYS 4:00 PM

#### April 9 - Gary T and his PoetTree

In celebration of National Poetry Month, join Gary Turchin in an interactive poetry experience. Ages 5 and older.

#### April 30 - Día de los Niños/Día de los Libros

Special bilingual storytime and craft. Pre-registration is required. Ages 3 and up.

#### May 7 - Stuffed Animal Pet Show and Photo Exhibit

Grab your favorite stuffed animal and head to the library for a fun Pet Show! (Registration in advance is required). If you have a pet at home, take a picture of them "reading" a book- be creative! Drop off photos from April 23 to May 6 for our bulletin board exhibit. Ages 3 and up.

#### June 25 - Magic with Gerald Joseph. Ages 4 and up.

#### July 2 - ZunZun: The Musical Watershed

ZunZun is a performing arts group that celebrates the environments and cultures of the Americas through music. Kids will learn about water conservation, pollution prevention, and more and see a variety of musical instruments. For ages 5 and up.

#### July 9 - Wildlife Associates presents a wild animal show, "California Wild." For ages 5 up.

July 16 - Movie special effects show by Mad Science. For ages 5 and up.

July 24 - Rebecca Nile, also known as The Bubble Lady returns with her fun bubble show. For ages 3 and up.



July 30 - Uncle Eye, the Singing Storyteller. For ages 3 and up.



August 6 - "Dad & Me" with Puppet Art Theatre

Moms are welcome too! *This program is sponsored by the Fatherhood Collaborative of San Mateo.* All ages.

### CHESS FOR FUN

#### Wednesday April 4 and May 2, 6:00 – 7:30 PM

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. Presented by Dennis Myers, UCSF expert and sponsored by the Atherton Police Activities League (P.A.L.)

### FINAL FRIDAY FLICKS @ 7:00 PM

April 27 – **Over the Hedge (2006)** A scheming raccoon tricks a family of forest creatures into helping him repay a debt of food by invading the new suburban sprawl that arrived while they were hibernating. Rated PG.

#### May 25 – **Toy Story (10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition, 2005)**

A boy's favorite toy feels threatened by the arrival of a new birthday present, a high-tech spaceman model advertised on TV. Rated G.

June 29 – **Toy Story 2 (2001)** While Andy is away at summer camp, Woody is toynapped by Al, a greedy collector. Buzz Lightyear, Mr. Potato Head, Hamm, Rex and Slinky Dog spring into action in a thrilling and hilarious rescue mission. Rated G.

July 27 – **Great Mouse Detective (1986)** When a loveable London toymaker is kidnapped, his daughter turns to none other than legendary super-sleuth, Basil of Baker Street, setting the stage for one of Disney's most entertaining and fast-paced musical adventures. Rated G.

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