



November 2010 Election

The Town of Atherton has 3 open Council seats to be voted upon

Election Day is Tuesday, November 2, 2010

The nomination period commences on Monday, July 12, 2010 and closes at 5 p.m. on Friday, August 6, 2010. However, if one or more incumbent council members whose terms expire in 2010 do not file for re-election by August 6th, the filing date is extended to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, August 11, 2010.

Please be advised, when you turn in your nomination paper it is accepted for filing at that point. However, your candidacy is not official until all documents are deemed in proper order. The City Clerk must verify signatures on the nomination paper of currently-registered voters in the Town of Atherton at the address so designated on the nomination papers. A candidate runs the risk of not qualifying for the ballot if he/she files the document too close to the deadline and there is not enough time to circulate one (1) final nomination paper, issued by the City Clerk (if the original is found to be insufficient in the number of signatures; 10 more than the minimum required by law). Please be aware that nomination forms cannot be changed, but can be withdrawn.

Candidates Statement Form: Optional and to be paid for by the candidate. This is to be used by candidates who wish to print a statement in the voter info pamphlet to be mailed to all registered voters. This must be filed at the same time as the nomination papers and due at the same time. The statement is brief and shall not have more than 200 words of the candidate's education and qualifications.

The Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) requires a statement of economic interest (Form 700) to be filed at the time of filing nomination papers. There are numerous requirements of the Political Reform Act for all candidates seeking elective office. In addition to the Form 700 to be filed with the nomination paper, every candidate and qualified committee must file campaign statements (usually Form 460); two prior to the election and one following the election. Failure to file these forms may result in fines. Please note that all forms are public record.

Please contact Theresa DellaSanta, Deputy City Clerk for a "Candidate Guide" or for additional information at tdellasanta@ci.atherton.ca.us or (650) 752-0529.

High-Speed Rail

Threatens Atherton's Rural Character

The high-speed rail (HSR) system to connect San Francisco and Los Angeles proposes to use the Caltrain-JPB corridor. The 'aerial solution' favored by the HSR Authority is akin to an eight-lane freeway 20' above ground with overhead electrification towers to power the trains. With over 200 trains per day projected by its tenth year of operations (2030), *Athertonians* would hear the sound of steel-on-steel at 100-125mph once every six minutes over a sixteen-hour service day.

Our City Council has rejected that solution as detrimental to the Town's mission statement to preserve its rural nature. Mayor McKeithen, in her letter to the Authority's Chairman of April 12, 2010 reiterated the City Council's view that "The tunnel is the only acceptable alternative for Atherton." Later that month she expressed willingness to participate in the Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) process; but demanded the Authority pay the extra expenses of over \$59,000.

That letter was sent to the seventeen communities along the Peninsula. Already Burlingame's Mayor sent a similar letter demanding \$460,000; and Belmont's Council will send a similar letter this month. Palo Alto and Menlo Park are studying having their CSS expenses reimbursed.

Atherton led the successful 2008 lawsuit on the inadequacy of the Authority's program level Environmental Impact Report and forced the Authority to revise it. Later, when it became clear the original EIR was even more seriously flawed, Atherton once again led to bring the Authority to account.

Many *Athertonians* have been active volunteers, working locally along the Peninsula and with legislators in Sacramento to demand the Authority consider other routes and solutions. Former Mayor Jerry Carlson is joined on Peninsula Cities Consortium, by the mayors of Belmont, Burlingame, Menlo Park, and Palo Alto. He and former Mayor Jim Janz have made innumerable trips to Sacramento, to the HSR Authority Board meetings, and to reach out to the North Fair Oaks Community. Many others have joined our officials to let citizens and lawmakers know what will happen unless we all take action.

The fight to bring common sense to California's present high-speed rail plans is not over. Much needs to be done still. But we have made progress through leadership and reason. *Athertonians* should be very proud of its "Little Town That Could".

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Swing in the Park

Sixth Annual Artists' Exhibition



Bring your family and friends to the annual "Swing in the Park", on Sunday, September 19, 2010, at 150 Watkins Avenue, Holbrook-Palmer Park, Atherton, from 2:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Festivities include: Live Music with Dream Posse and entertainment for children of all ages with games, clowns, and the wonderful "Happy Birds". Tasty BBQ, good wines and beer, and marvelous live and silent auction items add to the fun.

Tables of 10 are available at \$700.00, individual seating

at \$75.00 per person, children over two at \$15.00, (children under two are free). Please call (650) 234-8447 for information and reservations.

The event is sponsored by the Atherton Dames, and all net proceeds benefit Holbrook-Palmer Park. The Atherton Dames thank the volunteers, generous sponsors, and supporters who made prior year events wonderful – and the beautiful new Water Tower Garden a reality.

SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR TREE AWARDS

Enter your exceptional tree in the 2010 Atherton Tree Awards.

The Atherton Tree Committee is accepting nominations for the 20th Annual Tree Awards Program. Eligible candidates are any species of tree that meet one or more of the following criteria: outstanding specimen; unique in size, age, species or historical significance; a grove of mature trees native to this region. Awards are also given for the best newly planted tree and the best preserved during construction. Nomination forms are available at the Town Administrative Offices, the Permit Center, and on the Tree Committee's website, www.athertontree.org. The deadline for entry is 5:00 p.m., August 31, 2010. For more information, please contact Kathy Hughes Anderson at (650) 752-0526.



September 24th Mark your Calendar!

The Atherton Arts Committee will hold its Sixth Annual Artists' Exhibition and Reception on Friday, September 24, 2010, in Jennings Pavilion, 150 Watkins, Holbrook-Palmer Park, Atherton, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

We are anticipating approximately 20 local artists who will display a variety of paintings, photography, sculpture, jewelry, handmade purses, and pottery. Our artists have won awards and have been featured in newspapers, magazines, and museums. It is a great opportunity to meet them and see their artistic abilities. **The event is free to the public. Please join us!**



"Our Energy Challenge"

The Atherton Environmental Program Committee (EPC) is currently working with Acterra, a local non-profit with a 40-year history serving the Mid-Peninsula area, to roll out a federally-funded program to help change our energy "business as usual" in Atherton, Los Altos Hills, Woodside, Portola Valley, and Monte Sereno, all towns that share Atherton's high-energy home profile. Starting this fall, the program called "Atherton 2020", will give residents an opportunity to have greater visibility into their home energy use. The program aims to provide detailed analyses of a home's energy use utilizing Smart Meter data and specially developed energy diagnostics. The result will be to dramatically help homeowners take meaningful steps to reduce their wasted energy usage – by as much as 65%. Participating homeowners will see their PG&E bills shrink, while helping their homes become more energy healthy, without needing to change their lifestyle. For more information, please contact info@athertongreen.net and join other residents helping with the EPC's program launch this fall.

Awards for Sustainable Building Practices

The Environmental Programs Committee is accepting nominations for the 4th Annual Green Building Awards Program. Residents, contractors, and architects are invited to nominate new residential projects in Atherton to receive a Green Building Award. Nomination forms are available at the Building Department or at www.athertongreen.net



Take The Time To Enjoy A CLASS THIS SUMMER at Holbrook-Palmer Park



Tennis - Camp/Lessons

Alan Margot (650) 752-0540

Individual and group lessons may be scheduled. Call the Tennis Pro for information about any upcoming tournaments.

Note: Tennis keys are available at the Park office.

Ladies Step Dance

Jo Hamilton (650) 328-0474

Enjoy this combination of ballet country dancing, & Scottish Highland dancing which combines fun movements & is a great way to get exercise. Classes are for women only & drop-ins are welcome.

Folk Dance

Suzanne Rocca Butler (650) 854-3184

Participants can dance their way "around the world" at the Carriage House. Learn dances from places you have traveled to or only dreamt of visiting. Build a basic dance repertoire.

Team Sheep

Tim Sheeper (650) 328-7946

Stationary bike workouts take place in the Carriage House. Bring your bicycle and it will be made stationary for the workout.

Music for Families

Nicole Zannini (650) 917-2354

This is an internationally recognized early childhood music program for infants, toddlers, preschoolers, kindergarteners, & the adults who love them.

Atherton Lacrosse

Devon & M.J. Davey (650) 799-3600

Summer Lacrosse Camp

AYSO – American Youth Soccer Organization

Ken Johnson (650) 208-2689

Dog Training

Bari Halperin (650) 851-5500

Offerings include a puppy class featuring obstacles & agility, a beginners class, & an intermediate class with "canine good citizen" certification. Minimum dog is 3 months.

Menlo-Atherton Little League

Bob Crowe (650) 269-2129

Dave Crowder (650) 743-1474

AA Meetings

John Mathews (650) 218-8488

Yoga

Lynn Knudsen (650) 369-5196

Classes include the discipline of Yoga postures and physical exercises which encourage stretch, flexibility, and stamina. The class incorporates exercises for maintaining optimum back health, & participants are introduced to relaxation & stress management techniques.

Physically Focused

Jackie Ballinger (650) 851-2703

Starting Line Up

Jeff Hips (650) 201-3480

Baseball camp offers the fundamentals of baseball & a player's evaluation for children ages 6 to 12.

Playschool

Susan Knox (650) 854-6705

Preschool

 **FUN** 

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Summer Events *at the Atherton Library*

If you wish to sponsor a special children's program, contact the librarian for details at 328-2422, ext. 225.

Children's Story Times

Toddler Time

Tuesday mornings 10:30AM
ages 18 to 36 months
Summer ends 8/10
& fall session begins 9/14

Preschool Story Time

Begins 9/13, Mondays at 11AM
for ages 3 to 5

Musical Story Time

4PM, 7/8 & 7/22; 8/12 & 8/26
for all ages

Saturday Family Story Time

11AM, 7/17, 8/14, 9/11
for all ages

Children's Programs

Monday, 7/12, 4PM

The Ugly Duckling
for ages 3 & up

Monday, 7/19, 4PM

Build Your Own Museum
Please bring an artifact (do you have a special rock, bone or plant?) to share for ages 5 & up

Monday, 7/26, 4PM

Captain Jack Spareribs
Pirate, talking monkey, magic, juggling, & illusions for ages 4 & up

Children's Programs *continued*

Monday, 8/2, 7 pm

Dad & Me Puppet Show
A special program for dads & kids (moms are welcome too!) for all ages

Summer Reading Finale

Carnival in the Park
Friday, 8/13, 1 - 3PM
Games, activities, & free admission for all ages

Monday, 9/13, 4PM

Mad Science
Fire & Ice in high-energy for ages 5 & up

Paws for Tales

4th Saturday each month from 11 AM to Noon
Children ages 5 & older can sign up in advance to read to a trained therapy dog

Summer Reading Program runs through 8/15

Themes are
"Make a Splash-READ!" for children
"Make Waves @ Your Library" for teens
Pick reading log to win prizes throughout summer

Teen Program

Wednesday, Sept. 29 at 6:15PM

College Admissions Program
Come & find out what you need to know when applying for college

Adult Programs

Summer Reading Program theme

"Water Your Mind"
Submit reviews on books you are reading & enter to win prizes to 8/15

Wednesday, 7/14, 7PM

Celtic Singer Mary McLaughlin & Harpist Steve Coulter

Tuesday, 9/14, 7 pm

Impressionist Paris
A docent lecture & presentation

Wednesday, 9/15, 10AM

Website Building for Beginners
A computer class by Richard Le

For All Ages

Summer Reading Finale

Community Fun Night
Friday, 9/13, 6 - 9PM
Games, raffle giveaways, followed by a movie for all ages

Soap & Candle Making

Gifts on a Budget
Saturday, 8/14, 1:30 - 3:00PM
Supplies are provided & registration is required

Final Friday Flicks

7PM Last Friday of month
7/30, Princess & the frog
8/27, Cloudy Chance of Meatballs
9/24, TBA

Knit Together

Informal gathering of knitters
meet 2nd & 4th Saturdays of each month from 2 to 4 PM
No instruction at this event
Please bring your own supplies

Ice Cream Social & Book Exchange

Saturday, 9/18, 1 - 3PM
Bring a book & take a book



I would like to take this opportunity to say hello to all Athertonians and to let you know that my staff and I are here to help you. If you have any concerns, would like to find out more information on a particular item, or just want to stop by and say hello, please feel free to do so. My staff and I look forward to providing you professional service, a timely response, and a warm and friendly smile.

Jerry Gruber, City Manager

Contact Information

Town of Atherton

91 Ashfield Road
Atherton, CA 94027

Helpful Phone Numbers

Menlo Park Fire District
Emergency: 911 or 323-2404
Business Administration Office
688-8400

Atherton Schools
Encinal School ____ 326-5164
Las Lomitas ____ 854-5900
Laurel School ____ 324-0186
M-A High School ____ 322-5311
Menlo College ____ 556-3656
Menlo School ____ 330-2000
Sacred Heart ____ 322-1866
Saint Josephs ____ 322-9931
Selby Lane ____ 368-3996

County Services
Animal Control
363-4840
Assessor
363-4500
Richard Gordon,
Supervisor, 3rd District
363-4569
Voter Registration
312-5222
Mosquito Abatement
West Nile Virus
(877) 968-2473
Service Calls/Info
344-8592
www.smcmad.org

Utilities
Comcast Cable
800-945-2288
California Water Service
367-6800
Pacific Gas & Electric
800-743-5000
Fair Oaks Sanitation District
363-4100
West Bay Sanitation District
321-0384

Waste/Recycling
Allied Waste
592-2411

Members of the Town Council

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

Kathleen McKeithen, Mayor
kmckeithen@ci.atherton.ca.us
321-3633

Jim Dobbie, Vice Mayor
jdobbie@ci.atherton.ca.us
327-3946

Jerry Carlson, Council Member
jcarlson@ci.atherton.ca.us
321-1327

Charles E. Marsala, Council Member
cmarsala@ci.atherton.ca.us
328-7113

Elizabeth Lewis, Council Member
elewis@ci.atherton.ca.us
533-8830

OUR MISSION

Town of Atherton

Organizational Mission Statement

The Mission of the Administration of the Town of Atherton is to:

- Provide high-quality, innovative services;
- Appreciate and develop human resources;
- Manage physical plant and financial resources efficiently;
- Protect the unique environment that makes Atherton special.



INCORPORATED SEPTEMBER 12, 1923

Directory of Town Offices

Main Number: 650-752-0500
Fax Number: 650-688-6528
Email: atherton@ci.atherton.ca.us
Website: www.ci.atherton.ca.us

Administration

General Information/Post Office
752-0500
Jerry Gruber
City Manager
752-0504
Eileen Wilkerson
Assistant City Manager
752-0546
Theresa DellaSanta
*Executive Assistant/
Deputy City Clerk*
752-0529

Town Planner

Neal Martin
Town Planner
752-0544
Lisa Costa Sanders
Deputy Town Planner
752-0544

City Attorney

Wynne Furth
City Attorney
752-0500

Police

Emergency: 911
General Information
688-6500
Mike Guerra
Police Chief
752-0508

Finance

Louise Ho
Finance Director
752-0552

Public Works

Information/Permits
752-0570
Duncan Jones
Director of Public Works
752-0532
Steve Tyler
Superintendent of Public Works
752-0541
Jean Cardona
Parks Program Manager
752-0534

Contacts & Telephone Numbers

Building

Information/Inspections
752-0560
Daily Inspection Schedule
752-0561
Mike Wassman
Building Official
752-0518

Kathy Hughes Anderson
Town Arborist
752-0526

Robert Cushing
Code Enforcement
752-0553

Library

General Information
328-2422
Library events
www.smcl.org/libraries/ath

Heritage Room

Atherton Heritage Association
688-6540

Town Community Calendar Summer 2010

August 2010

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September 2010

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October 2010

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31						

August 2010

3	Atherton Rail Committee	6:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
4	General Plan Committee	6:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
4	Park & Recreation Commission	6:30 p.m.	H-P Park, Garden Room
11	Environmental Programs Committee	10:00 a.m.	Council Chambers
18	City Council	7:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
24	Arts Committee	1:00 p.m.	H-P Park, Garden Room
25	Planning Commission	6:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
26	Tree Committee	4:00 p.m.	Admin. Offices Mtg. Rm

September 2010

1	Park & Recreation Commission	6:30 p.m.	H-P Park, Main House
6	Labor Day Observed	Town Offices Closed	
14	Transportation Committee	6:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
15	City Council	7:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
22	Planning Commission	6:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
23	Tree Committee	4:00 p.m.	Admin. Offices Mtg. Rm.
28	Arts Committee	1:00 p.m.	H-P Park, Garden Room

October 2010

5	Atherton Rail Committee	6:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
6	Environmental Programs Committee	10:00 a.m.	Admin. Offices Mtg. Rm.
6	Park & Recreation Commission	5:30 p.m.	H-P Park, Main House
11	Columbus Day Observed	Town Offices Closed	
20	City Council	7:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
26	Arts Committee	1:00 p.m.	H-P Park, Garden Room
27	Planning Commission	6:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
28	Tree Committee	4:00 p.m.	Admin. Offices Mtg. Rm.

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



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