



Electronic Town Newsletter

The Town is working on efforts to reach more of its residents to keep them informed of Council meetings, workshops and special events. On a trial basis we will be sending the next issue of the *Athertonian* electronically in hopes that it will reach our community on a more rapid basis.

Residents can now request to receive our Town newsletter through email by submitting a simple request to join the mailing list. Please visit the Town of Atherton's website at www.ci.atherton.ca.us and look for "to sign up for our online Town newsletter" or submit your request by email directly to Theresa DellaSanta at tdellasanta@ci.atherton.ca.us.

Atherton Resident Distribution List

As always the Town is hoping to expand its resident email distribution list. Your email address will be kept confidential and will only be used to keep you informed of important Town business through press releases, Council agendas and important Council action follow up. Please help spread the word. The more residents we reach the more input the community will have. To be added to this list, please send an email to Theresa DellaSanta at tdellasanta@ci.atherton.ca.us.



• Time to Renew Business Licenses

The Finance Director would like to notify members of the business community (including businesses that operate out of their homes) that the business license renewal notices for the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 were mailed by MuniServices during the week of May 27, 2011. The license tax is normally due on July 1, 2011, and will go into delinquent status if not paid by July 31, 2011. **Please be advised that your business license renewal is required whether or not you receive the notice of renewal!** The renewal notice is a courtesy notice. If you have not received your renewal notice, please contact MuniServices at 1-800-987-0999. Business License forms are also available on the Town's website at www.ci.atherton.ca.us.



Having issues with the new garbage service?

The Service Resolution Tracking System is in place for any Recology/Garbage service related issues. To log a complaint with Recology, please choose one of the following options:

- Call Recology directly at (650) 595-3500
- Call the Town of Atherton garbage service hotline at (650) 752-0588 and ENTER 369 to leave a voicemail
- Send an email to the Town of Atherton Deputy City Clerk Theresa DellaSanta at tdellasanta@ci.atherton.ca.us

Town staff will receive the information and notify Recology of the issue. Recology will log in a ticket and close each ticket once they have resolved the issue.

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The New Atherton Library

In response to the Atherton Library Needs Assessment completed in February 2010, the Town Council and San Mateo Joint Powers Authority decided to build a new library to better serve the community. This new library will be the first new civic building in Atherton in almost 50 years.

Atherton is in the enviable position of having funds to build a new library because the proportion of property taxes specifically allocated for library expenditures exceeds the cost of operating the existing library. Library funds are sufficient to cover the costs of a wonderful new library.

Some believe (especially those who haven't visited a library in many years) that recent technology, such as the iPad, have made libraries somewhat irrelevant – and question the need for libraries. This notion is contrary to the fact that library use has increased significantly over the last decade. Libraries have become focal points within our communities and play an increasing role in our civic and social life. The Needs Assessment showed that the Atherton community is a particularly heavy user of library services and is underserved by the existing facility.

To help facilitate the process of bringing a new library to the community, the Town Council formed the Atherton Library Building Steering Committee (ALBSC). This committee is composed of interested residents, library and Town staff. This committee, along with the San Mateo County library, is working with the community to determine the best location for the new library and the types of spaces and programs desired by library users and the community at large. The proposed locations for the new library are Holbrook-Palmer Park and the existing library site.

In order to select consultants to assist with the first phase of work, the ALBSC together with the library and Town staff engaged in a rigorous process to select and recommend an architectural firm to work with the community through the first phase of the process. Group 4 Architects was selected by the committee and approved by the Town Council in April 2011. To garner input from the community, focus group sessions were held at the existing library as well as two Community Workshop meetings on Saturday, June 25 and Tuesday, June 28. The workshops provided Atherton



Entrance to the Old Atherton Town Library

residents, library and park users an opportunity to learn about and discuss the proposed locations. The lively discussions included the findings from the focus group sessions that covered the types of library programs and spaces that could be incorporated in the new library.

The findings from the community workshops and focus group sessions will be presented to the Atherton Park and Recreation Commission at their July 6, 2011, meeting. Regular ALBSC meetings are held in the council chambers at 10:00 a.m. on the first Thursday of every month. The ALBSC encourages all interested residents and library users to attend the meetings.

The Atherton Library is offering new programs and services all the time--find out what's happening next by visiting our new Atherton Library Facebook Page <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Atherton-Library/157646517613848> (with Twitter updates soon to follow).

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Atherton Police Department Services

The Atherton Police Department provides a variety of services to its residents beyond typical patrol and traffic enforcement. The following services are examples of what the Police Department provides, free of charge:

Residential Burglary/Fire Alarm Services – Your alarm can be connected directly to the Police Department and is monitored 24/7. If your alarm is activated, officers will be dispatched within minutes. If your alarm is inadvertently set off, you can call into our Dispatch Center, provide a unique code assigned by the Police Department to your residence, and officers will be cancelled. The Police Department will also issue signs for your residence notifying the public that your residence is alarmed and connected directly to the Police Department.

Vacation Checks – Are you going to leave Town for a while? Upon your request, the Police Department will provide a check of your property during times when your residence is vacant due to business or vacation trips.

Security Checks - The Police Department can periodically do a “drive by” check of your property if you feel it is required for your security and safety.

Resident Key File – A spare key can be stored in the Police Department’s Dispatch Center if you choose. This would allow you, the resident, with proper I.D., to obtain your key should you lock yourself out of your residence. This would also allow officers responding to your residence for an emergency to gain access to the residence without force or possible damage. To date, we have approximately 90% of the residents’ keys on file.

Home Security Program – The Atherton Police Department is aiming to bring back its Home Security Program. Upon request, an officer or CSO will visit your home and conduct a security inspection and make suggestions to maximize your home’s safety.

Rapid Notify – The Police Department can pre-record any urgent or emergency message and use Rapid Notify to inform residents. An automated phone call is made Town wide or to specific neighborhoods, depending upon the type of emergency.

Fingerprints – The Police Department still provides ink fingerprinting to its residents if a resident needs to be fingerprinted for a job or if parents wish to have a kit made for their children in case of an emergency. At this time the Police Department does not have LiveScan (electronic fingerprinting) and cannot provide that service.

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design – (CPTED) is based on the premise that **"The proper design and effective use of the built environment can lead to a reduction in the fear of crime and incidence of crime, and to an improvement in quality of life."** We have trained officers that will meet with you in your home and determine lighting, lock safety



and even the placement of shrubs and other bushes to lower the incident of a crime occurring at your residence. You can make an appointment for this service which takes approximately 1.5 hours to complete.

RIMS Pet Information – The Police Department can put your pets’ information into our computer database in case they ever go missing. Should officers find your pet away from home, this information can help them identify your pet. Is your pet micro chipped? The Police Department has a microchip reader to help ensure every pet returns home safely.

Pharmaceutical Drop Off Box – For a few years now the Atherton Police Department has had a white pharmaceutical box. This is designed to properly dispose of any prescription medication. Over the counter medications can still be disposed of at home in a regular trash can. However, the pharmaceutical box is not designed for disposal of syringes.

Defibrillators – Atherton Police Department still prides itself in being the first Police Department on the West Coast to carry defibrillators in its fleet. The Police Department has also expanded this to include defibrillators at the schools within the Town’s limits.

And finally, do not forget that the Atherton Police Department has a front counter which is staffed with a friendly dispatcher who is available 24/7. The front door is locked at night for safety reasons, but ring the buzzer and the Dispatcher will help you.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS ... ARE YOU READY?

If you want to learn more information about Disaster Preparedness, disaster supplies or how to become a volunteer in your neighborhood to help out, please contact **Scott Barnum** of the Atherton Preparedness Team at microbarny@msn.com

For full Spring Newsletter,
please visit www.ci.atherton.ca.us
and click on Police under Departments and Forms.

Annual Children's Holiday Tea



Save the Date – Please join the Holbrook-Palmer Park Foundation Atherton Dames for its Annual Children's Holiday Tea on Sunday, December 11, 2011, at 11:00 a.m. Mark your calendars for this magical event. A visit with Santa and "The Nutcracker" puppet show are just two of the exciting events planned. Tickets go on sale in early November so don't miss out. This event sold out in 2009 and 2010. For more information, please visit www.athertondames.org



The Atherton Civic Interest League (ACIL) will host an annual meeting in the fall 2011. Plan to attend a social event with refreshments and speakers. Look for more details over the next few months. For more information, please contact Sharyn Vucinich at (650) 364-8879. Have a great summer!

— Atherton Civic Interest League Board of Directors

ATHERTON CIVIC INTEREST LEAGUE

A not-for-profit grassroots organization dedicated to improving the quality of life in Atherton, to assure effective Town governance and to advance the Civic Interests of its residents. Founded in 1946, the ACIL is a non-partisan organization representing the civic interests of all Atherton residents.

Atherton 2020 is Launched!

This past spring, the Atherton Environmental Programs Committee launched Atherton 2020, the California Energy Commission (CEC)-funded energy efficiency program for Atherton homeowners. Join your neighbors in learning how you can reduce your PG&E bill by as much as 30% with a federally-funded online energy audit. On September 17, 2011, Atherton 2020 will host the Atherton Energy Efficiency "Cool Spot" Tour, where you can see some of the latest cool technologies being used by homeowners. See www.atherton2020.org for information on how you can participate.



Atherton Arts Committee (AAC) Annual Update 2011

Atherton Arts Committee is pleased to report our goals and accomplishments in fulfillment of our mission to promote the arts for the betterment of the community.

- Provided funding for the **Art in Action** program at **Laurel Elementary School** in conjunction with PAL Atherton. The Laurel School teacher was quoted saying "it is such a miracle for our students". The student's art was exhibited in the Atherton Library during the month of May.
- AAC sponsored **Silicon Valley Open Studios** May 7 & 8 at Holbrook-Palmer Park in the Atherton Arts Committee room. We had over 100 visitors. This event was an opportunity for us to share work from accomplished local artists and many visitors added to their art collections.
- Coming this summer, more **Art in the Park**, a **FREE Family Concert** at Holbrook-Palmer Park on Thursday, July 7 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Bring the whole family, a picnic and blanket. You'll enjoy music provided by GROOVE KINGS BAND, Classic Rock for the Whole Family. Guaranteed to be the best event of the summer and sponsored by the Atherton Arts Committee.
- AAC provided support for the **Atherton Library Reading Carnival**.
- And don't forget, we will be holding our **Annual Atherton Art Show** on September 9 at Holbrook-Palmer Park in the Pavilion. This event showcases Atherton and other local artists for our community to enjoy and invest.

For more information, please contact Howard Crittenden at (650) 321-7343.

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.

John H. Danielson, Interim City Manager

Contact Information Town of Atherton

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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 Lomas ____ 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
340-8200
Assessor
363-4500
Don Horsley,
Supervisor, 3rd District
363-4569

Voter Registration
312-5222
Mosquito Abatement
West Nile Virus
(877) 968-2473
Service Calls/Info
344-8592
www.smcad.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
Recology
595-3900
www.recology.sanmateocounty.com

Members of the Town Council

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

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

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bwidmer@ci.atherton.ca.us
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kmckeithen@ci.atherton.ca.us
321-3633

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

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
John H. Danielson
Interim City Manager
752-0504
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

William B. Conners
City Attorney
752-0500

Police

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General Information
688-6500
Mike Guerra
Police Chief
752-0508

Finance

Louise Ho
Finance Director
752-0552

Public Works

Information/Permits
752-0570
Michael Kashiwagi
Interim Director of Public Works
752-0532
Steve Tyler
Superintendent of Public Works
752-0541
Jennifer Frew
Acting Parks Program Manager
752-0503

Contacts & Telephone Numbers

Building

Information/Inspections
752-0560
Daily Inspection Schedule
752-0561
Dennis Lockard
Interim 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

Heritage Room

Atherton Heritage Association
688-6540

Town Community Calendar Summer 2011

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July 2011

- 1 Atherton Library Building Steering Comm. 10:00 a.m. Council Chambers
- 4 **Independence Day Observed** Town Offices Closed
- 6 Environmental Programs Committee 10:00 a.m. Council Chambers
- 6 Park & Recreation Commission 6:30 p.m. H-P Park, Main House
- 7 Atherton Library Building Steering Comm. 10:00 a.m. Council Chambers
- 12 Transportation Committee 6:00 p.m. Council Chambers
- 15 Atherton Library Building Steering Comm. 10:00 a.m. Council Chambers
- 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.

August 2011

- 2 Atherton Rail Committee 6:00 p.m. Council Chambers
- 3 General Plan Committee 6:00 p.m. Council Chambers
- 3 Park & Recreation Commission 6:30 p.m. H-P Park, Main House
- 15 Atherton Library Building Steering Comm. 10:00 a.m. Council Chambers
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For information on changes and special meetings, please call 752-0500 or check the Town Community Calendar at www.ci.atherton.ca.us



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