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A Quarterly Newsletter for Atherton Residents



Town of Atherton **VOTE** Parcel Tax Measures X

November 5, 2013 Ballot

At the August 7, 2013 Council meeting, the City Council approved the Ordinance required to put renewal of the Town's Parcel Tax on the November 5, 2013 Special Municipal Election. Measure X will appear on the November ballot as follows:

"To continue providing funding to maintain neighborhood police patrols and the Town's ability to respond to emergencies, repairing and maintaining streets, and repairing and constructing storm drains, shall an ordinance be adopted to continue a Special Parcel Tax for four years and allowing for the expenditure of funds derived from such tax?"

In this edition of the Athertonian you will find a list of projects funded by revenues from the Town's Parcel Tax. Revenue from the Parcel Tax is split 60 percent to front-line law enforcement services and 40 percent to capital projects. Detail on projects and expenditures for the current fiscal year are included on the Town's website – www.ci.atherton.ca.us.

Here are some important dates to remember for the November 2013 Election:

- October 7, 2013 – Voting Center at Town Hall Opens
- October 21, 2013 – LAST DAY to Register to Vote
- October 29, 2013 – LAST DAY to Request a Voting Ballot

For more information about the November 5, 2013 election please contact City Clerk Theresa DellaSanta at 650-752-0529 or tdellasanta@ci.atherton.ca.us

New Website is LIVE!

The Town went "Live" with its new website on August 1, 2013. Since then the Town has increased the number of subscribers to the various electronic publications and raised the level of awareness as we publish new information and updates to the site. *Atherton Online* has been a huge success and the added connections afforded through the use of the *News Flashes* has only increased the community's level of involvement and awareness.

If you haven't already signed up please do so through the Notify Me button on the Town's homepage. Please look for and "like" the Town's Facebook and Twitter pages as well.



Public Works Projects Completed

Since the Last Voter-Approved Renewal of the Parcel Tax in 2009

- Street Reconstruction 5 – Lupin Lane, Fenwood Drive, Marianna Lane & Oak Grove Avenue (Middlefield to Rebecca)
- Street Reconstruction 6 – Atherton Avenue from Stern Lane to Elena Avenue
- Street Reconstruction 7 – Camino Al Lago/Park Lane to Elena Avenue



- Patching 2011/2012 - Grind and replace 30,000 sq. ft. of pavement failure
- Patching 2012/2013 - Grind and replace 15,000 sq. ft. of pavement failure



- Install new traffic signal – Encinal Avenue at Middlefield Road



- Upper Atherton Channel Phase 2 – Install 3 weirs and fascines, stabilize creek embankment with landscape
- Cape/Slurry Seal 2009/2010 – 21 streets segments cape/slurry sealed
- Cape/Slurry Seal 2010/2011– 66 streets segments cape/slurry sealed
- Cape/Slurry Seal 2011/2012 – 46 streets segments cape/slurry sealed
- Cape/Slurry Seal 2012/2013– 25 streets segments cape/slurry
- Middlefield Road – restriped completely
- Patching 2009/2010 – Grind and replace 33,000 sq. ft. of pavement failure
- Patching 2010/2011 – Grind and replace 17,000 sq. ft. of pavement failure

- Hoover Street crosswalk – install new pedestrian crosswalk with in ground warning lights at Hoover Street and Valpariaso Avenue
- Add left turn packet E/B Alejandra Avenue at El Camino Real
- Redwood Way drainage project – install a drain at Redwood Way
- Signal timing project – Interagency project with Menlo Park along Middlefield Road



Public Works Projects Completed (continued)

- Los Lomas School – design and construct the safe routes to school improvements including landscape, sidewalk, speed table and crosswalk
- Storms drain improvements – Polhemus at Polhemus Avenue cul de sac
- Design and install new AC unit at PD main building
- Emergency wall repair – Atherton Channel at Brittany Meadows
- Street Reconstruction Phase 7 – Park Lane



- Fletcher Drive - Ridgeview Drive street reconstruction and storm drain improvement project
- Ridgeview Drive/Fletcher Drive Reconstruction – Road rehab and storm drain improvement project



New Sergeants

ATHERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT WELCOMES LATERAL SERGEANT

Alfredo Guarducci started his police service in 1993 with the city of Pacifica. He transferred to the San Jose Police Department in 1994 and worked a variety of assignments before being promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 2007. His experience includes: Patrol, Main Lobby bilingual officer, Cruise Enforcement Detail, Downtown Service Division, FTO, Narcotics Enforcement Team, METRO and Motors. Alfredo earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in 2012 and is currently working on his Master's degree. Alfredo is working as the Detective Sergeant in the Investigative Unit, supervises our range program and is fluent in Spanish and Italian.



ATHERTON POLICE DEPT PROMOTES OFFICER VIGIL TO SERGEANT

The Police Department hired Chris Vigil as a lateral officer from Santa Cruz Police Department in December of 2012. Chris is currently working as one of the night shift Sergeants and completing his Bachelor's degree. Chris was trained as a Cavalry Scout and assigned to the 1st Armored Division in Germany. Chris served two deployments to Iraq where he participated in combat operations in Baghdad, Karbala, and Ramadi. After being honorably discharged from the Army as a Sergeant, Chris attended the South Bay Regional Police Academy in San Jose as a non-affiliate. While at Santa Cruz PD, Chris was recognized by M.A.D.D (Mothers against drunk driving) for DUI enforcement in 2010, 2011, and 2012. Chris served as a field training officer, peer counselor and member of the departments' honor guard.

Detailed Police Activity

The Town launched CitizenRIMS on July 1, 2013. CitizenRIMS provides interested users detailed information about police activity. Visitors to CitizenRIMS can view a map of all of the incidents to which the Atherton Police Department has responded.

It offers a detailed view and allows users to filter incidents by date ranges and incident types.

In addition to routine incidents, CitizenRIMS shows recent criminal activity and information about arrested persons, missing persons, and stolen vehicles. The site will also provide a list of people for whom the Department holds arrest warrants.

CitizenRIMS includes a feature that allows users to receive a daily email summarizing all of the incidents and listing all of the recently approved crime reports in Atherton.

The website is available at this link: <http://apd.crimegraphics.com>



Atherton Police 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.

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.

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.

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 officers identify your pet. Is your pet micro chipped? The Police Department has a microchip reader to help ensure every pet returns home safely.

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.





ACIL/League of Women Voters South San Mateo County Host Atherton Town Council Candidates Forum



ACIL and the League of Women Voters will hold a Forum at 7 PM to 9 PM on Tuesday, October 15th at the Pavilion at Holbrook - Palmer Park for the three candidates who are running for a council seat. Atherton will hold a special election to fill the seat vacated by Jerry Carlson. Just prior to the Candidates Forum, ACIL will be conducting its annual business meeting.

The three candidates seeking that seat are: Diane Beymer-Sandhu, a technology entrepreneur, Greg Conlon, a business consultant and CPA, and Rick DeGolia, a partner with the private equity firm Exigen Capital. During the forum each candidate will be given the opportunity to make an opening statement. Following these statements, questions submitted by the audience will be consolidated and asked of the candidates.

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ACIL Donates to Atherton Disaster and Preparedness Team (ADAPT)



ATHERTON DISASTER AND PREPAREDNESS TEAM
Helping Atherton Residents Prepare For Major Emergencies™

As California residents we know that “the big one” is a matter of when not if. With awareness of these possible scenarios, Atherton Civic Interest League, an Atherton community-based organization that strives to improve the quality of life in Atherton, has donated \$4,000 to ADAPT.

ADAPT is a group of concerned Atherton citizens formed to collaborate with town officials, Menlo Park Fire, Atherton Police and other professional emergency responders.

“Because of recent cuts to government,” said co-president John Davey, “We wanted to support the power of community involvement in our town. So we’re starting by providing money for Atherton residents to be prepared for any disaster.” Money donated by the ACIL will be used to fill emergency trailers provided by the town and ADAPT with tools and supplies needed in the case of a local or regional disaster.

ADAPT recommends that every household have three basic emergency preparations: Create and maintain a storehouse of vital supplies, develop a basic emergency plan and practice it, and improve you emergency planning awareness.



Some Changes in Atherton

Since our incorporation 90 years ago, September 12, 1923, Atherton has changed. The large estates of 600 acres have been subdivided into 1 acre parcels. The population in 1923 was 650 and now it is around 7,000. In 1923 there were only 130 registered voters and now we have 4,928. We don't have businesses or "streets" but we have Drives, Circles, Avenues, etc. And we are still a beautifully forested area of residential homes. ~ The Heritage Association

OCTOBER THROUGH DECEMBER EVENTS



at the Atherton Library



CHILDREN'S STORYTIMES:

Baby Bounce and Rhyme Time

Tuesdays at 11:15 am
Introduce your baby to Spanish, with stories, songs and rhymes! For ages 0-18 months.
No programs Dec 24, Dec 31

Toddler Time

Tuesdays at 10:30 am
For children ages 18 months to 36 months
No storytime Dec 17, 24, 31

Preschool Storytime

Mondays at 11 am
For children ages 3-5
No storytime Dec 23, 30

Musical Storytime

2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 4 pm
October 10 & 24
December 12
November 14 (no storytime
Nov 28, Dec 26 January 2014)
Family storytime for all ages

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

PAWS FOR TALES- 4th Saturday of each month from 11 am to Noon

Children ages 5 and older can sign up in advance to read to a trained therapy dog.
No program in November or December

Tuesday, October 1 at 1:30 pm- Vered Music Concert

Join us for a special music

concert for babies and toddlers

Thursday, October 17 at 3:30 pm- Craft Time

Children ages 3 and up can make a mask

Sunday, October 20 at 3 pm- Tricycle Music Festival featuring the Pop Ups

The Pop Ups are an incredible, Brooklyn-based duo visiting California just for the Tricycle Music Fest. A tricycle will be raffled off. For ages 2 and up

Monday, October 21 at 4 pm- Surfing Magician

Come out for some awesome magic! For ages 4 and up

Wednesday, October 23 at 3:30 pm- Origami fun

Join students from Menlo School to make origami jack-o-lantern. For children ages 4 and up

Saturday, November 16- Game Day

Details TBA.

Monday, November 18 at 4 pm- "Roaming Reptiles"

Christie's Creative Cupboard will be here, and children ages 4 and up can decorate reptiles and create reptile habitats

Thursday, November 21 at 3:30 pm- Craft Time

Drop in for a Thanksgiving craft for ages 3-8

Monday, December 9 at 4 pm - Puppet Company

Puppet performance of "One Wacky Winter." For ages 4 and up

Thursday, December 19 at 3:30 pm - Make Holiday cards

Drop in craft time for ages 3 and up

ADULT PROGRAMS:

Computer Coach is available on Mondays from 12-1 pm

Drop into this relaxed and welcoming tutoring session with your technical questions for one on one help. *Contact the library to schedule a thirty minute appointment or drop in the day of to meet with the coach.* No computer coaching on Nov 11

Mock Newbery Medal Children's Book Discussion Group- 2nd Fridays at 4 pm

Are you an adult who reads children's books? Do you work with children? Join us as we read two new books each month leading up to a January 2013 meeting and mock-Newbery Medal voting session. RSVP to visser-knoth@smcl.org. 10/11/13, 11/8/13, 12/13/13, 1/10/14

Saturday, October 5 at 2 pm- Impressionists on Water Docent Lecture

This docent lecture reveals more than 80 paintings by Impressionists on display at the Legion of Honor through October 13, coinciding with San Francisco's hosting of the America's Cup this summer

Saturday, November 2 at 1 pm- eBooks/Audiobooks

Drop-in to this session with your mobile device, laptop, or e-reader and have your questions answered about downloading library materials

FOR ALL AGES:

Knit Together The 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month from 2-4 pm

An informal gathering of knitters. Bring your own supplies. There is no instruction at these events

Family Movie Night

Friday, October 25 at 7 pm- featuring "Hotel Transylvania."

Friends of the Library Holiday Open House

Wednesday, December 11 from 2-5 pm
Mingle with our Friends, and enjoy hot cider and treats

Library events are posted on the library web site at

www.smcl.org



TOWN OF ATHERTON
2013 Calendar of Regular Meetings

**Please note - All meeting dates are subject to change. Contact the City Clerk's office at 752-0500 to verify meeting dates.

Town Directory

<p><u>City Council</u> 3rd Wednesday, 7pm October 16 November 20 December 18</p> <p><u>Planning Commission</u> 4th Wednesday, 6pm October 23</p> <p><u>Park & Recreation Commission</u> 1st Wednesday, 6pm October 2 5:30pm November 6 December 4</p> <p><u>Transportation Committee</u> Every other month 2nd Tuesday, 6pm November 12</p> <p><u>Atherton Rail Committee</u> Every other month 1st Tuesday, 6pm October 1 December 3</p>	<p><u>Environmental Programs Committee</u> Every other month 1st Tuesday, 2pm Administrative Conference Room November 5</p> <p><u>Civic Center Advisory Committee</u> 1st Monday, 4:30pm October 7 November 4 December 2</p> <p><u>Tree Committee</u> 3rd Thursday, 4pm. October 17 November 21 December 19</p>
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Police Investigation	650-752-0565	
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Public Records	650-752-0579	
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