



Town of

ATHERTON *California*

FALL

Your Parcel Tax Dollars at Work!

Parcel Tax Projects Completed Since 2013

The following projects were completed either entirely or at least partially using Parcel Tax funding. The Town's street rating (pci) is given annually to every city by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. The Town's rating of 78, places it amongst the top cities in the entire bay area.

Currently, 80% of all of the Town's Parcel Tax funds go into the Town's road and infrastructure projects with the other 20% funding the Atherton Police Department.

Below are some of the projects completed with funds from the current Parcel Tax.

Bridge Maintenance & Drainage Improvement Projects – Channel slope stabilization and repair of failed culvert at Belbrook Way.



Before



After

Marsh Road Channel Repair Project - Replacement of roughly 1,805 feet of existing open trapezoidal channel with a new concrete U-shaped channel. Grind and overlay Marsh Road between Fair Oaks Ave and Middlefield Road. This project received several top engineering awards and was completed on time and under budget.



Enhanced Green Bike Lane – installation of green bike lanes at the intersection of Middlefield Road at Marsh Road's conflict zone.



Class III Bike Route Project – installation of Class III bike route pavement markings and street signage.



Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacon (RRFB) – Installation of the RRFB on Valparaiso Ave at Hoover Street Crosswalk to replace the non-functioning in-pavement crosswalk warning lights.



Cape Seals Project – 19 streets segments (189,000 SF) cape sealed.



Slurry Seal– 62 street segments slurry sealed (1,530,000 SF



or 14.5 miles of sealed road). Notable street segments completed are entire length of Alameda De Las Pulgas, Atherton Ave, Fair Oaks Lane and Middlefield Road.

Almendral Ave ECR Hybrid Beacon Project – Installation of new hybrid signal for pedestrian crosswalk across El Camino.



Street Overlays– Grind and Overlay entire streets on Almendral Ave (from El Camino Real to Selby Lane). Marymont Ave/Austin Ave/Park Lane/Heather Drive/ Encinal Ave. (259,000 SF or 2.25 miles of overlaid road).



meet OUR OFFICERS



Atherton PD welcomes back Sergeant Chris Vigil

Effective August 1, Sgt. Chris Vigil returned to the Atherton Police Department as our 5th Sergeant. Sgt. Vigil has a Bachelor's Degree in General Studies and is currently working towards obtaining his Master's Degree in Public Administration. Sgt. Vigil spent his last three years at the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office as a Deputy Sheriff where his duties included FTO, CNT, peer support and honor guard. Sgt. Vigil is married and has a 3 month old daughter and a teenage son.

Officer Gina Dutta began her Field Training Program with the Police Department on July 31. Officer Dutta has her Master's Degree in Public Administration and completed her Police Academy training at the Santa Rosa Public Safety Training Center. Her past employment was with the Attorney General/DOJ in San Francisco as an Analyst. Officer Dutta's FTO program will last approximately four months and once passed, Officer Dutta will become a solo Police Officer. Officer Dutta was born in the Fiji Islands, is bilingual in Hindi and is currently married.



Level One Reserve Officer Martin Mijangos started his field training program with us on May 8, 2017. Martin is a full-time firefighter with the Menlo Park Fire District and completed his Level 1 Police Academy training at South Bay Regional Public Safety Training Consortium in November 2016. He was born in Mexico and immigrated to the United States when he was six years old. Martin has a five-month-old daughter and is married to a police officer from a neighboring city. For the past 20 years, Martin's hobby has been SCUBA diving. He has been a certified rescue diver for 16 years and recently obtained dry suit certification for cold water diving.

City Council Resolution Adopting the Baker Company 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry, 1st Brigade, & 101st Airborne Division

America Supporting Americans (ASA) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that links military units to communities across the country. ASA initiated its Adopt a Unit program in 1967 when the City of San Mateo adopted 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division of the United States Army as it was deployed in Vietnam. The Adopt a Unit program included the sending of letters and care packages from San Mateo to the Unit as it was deployed. These acts helped to boost the morale of those serving far from home on behalf of our Country. The Town and Police Department have participated in this program in the past.

Since 1967, eight cities within the San Mateo County have adopted formal resolutions adopting units within the 101st Airborne Division. These cities include San Mateo, Hillsborough, Burlingame, Foster City, Millbrae, San Carlos, Belmont, and San Bruno. ASA requested the Town of Atherton adopt a similar resolution expressing its support by adopting Baker Company, 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry, 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division.

The Town of Atherton is proud to support the troops in the Baker Company by collecting donations and sending much needed care packages. The Atherton Police Department recently delivered gift cards to the families of the troops - a special thanks to those who donated! In addition, the Atherton Police Officers Association has donated \$2,000 to the Baker Company project and is currently seeking donations for turkey's to send the troops who are currently deployed. Donations can be made via check, payable to "Atherton Adopt-A-Unit", and can be mailed or dropped off to 83 Ashfield Road, Atherton, CA 94027.



Baker Company Commander - Captain Gilbert & Detective Bollendorf



Connect with the Baker Company on Facebook at **Baker Company 1-506 in Red Currahee**





Atherton Fall Color



Summer will be officially ending on Friday September 22nd and fall will be upon us, which means fall color. Fall color is a phenomenon that affects the normally green leaves of any deciduous trees by which they take on, during a few weeks in the autumn season, various shades of red, yellow, purple, black, orange, pink, magenta, blue and brown. The chlorophyll breaks down, the green color disappears, and the yellow to orange colors become visible and give the leaves part of their fall splendor. At the same time other chemical changes may occur, which form additional colors through the development of red anthocyanin pigments.

The leaves of many deciduous species in California turn brown and then drop without fall color however the species below normally show fall color before they drop.

- Ginkgo
- Liquidambar
- Red Oak
- Tulip
- Maple
- Dogwood
- Redbud
- Ash
- Pistache
- Poplar
- Flowering Pear
- Pin Oak

If you see a good specimen with fall color please submit for an award by the end of October. These [submission forms](#) are available at the Permit Center and the Post Office at 91 Ashfield Road as well as online at www.ci.atherton.ca.us/TreeAwards.

One such species that shows beautiful golden fall color is the Ginkgo biloba or Maidenhair tree. Ginkgo's are deciduous gymnosperms and are one of the world's oldest remaining species. They are native to Southeastern China. You can identify them it by its fan shaped leaves. The extract from the leaves are said to be good for brain function. Most trees in urban environments are males as the females have fruit that many people feel smell foul.

Disposal of Unused Medicines Locations

Business Name	Drop Off Address	City, State, Zip
Kaiser	910 Marshall St. Birch Pharmacy #372	Redwood City
Stanford University	866 Campus Dr. Health Pharmacy	Stanford
Drew Center Pharmacy	2111 University Ave.	East Palo Alto





School is Back in Session

The Atherton Police Department encourages everyone to travel safely within the Town of Atherton. With school back in session, the following are reminders for motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians to keep in mind while traveling on our streets:

- 1) Passing a vehicle inside of a bicycle lane is illegal. A motorist can only enter a bicycle lane for the following reasons: a) To park where parking is permitting (as long as your vehicle does not block a bicyclist and/or there is not a "No Parking" sign posted), b) To enter or leave the roadway, and c) To prepare for a turn within a distance of 200 feet from the intersection. California Vehicle Code section 21209(a). Minimum fine \$238.00.
- 2) A bicycle operated on a roadway, or the shoulder of a highway, shall be operated in the same direction as vehicles are required to be driven upon the roadway. This means that you cannot ride your bicycle on the wrong side of the road facing oncoming traffic. California Vehicle Code section 21650.1. Minimum fine \$197.00.
- 3) A person under the age of 18 must wear a properly fitted and fastened bicycle helmet while operating or riding upon a bicycle, a non-motorized scooter, or a skateboard, or while wearing in-line or regular roller skates. California Vehicle Code section 21212(a). Minimum fine \$197.00.
- 4) Under normal circumstances, when you are walking on a roadway, you must walk facing traffic, with the outside edge of the road on your left hand side. This means you will be facing on-coming traffic. California Vehicle Code section 21956(a). Minimum fine \$197.00.
- 5) The speed limit around schools in the State of California is 25 miles per hour, unless posted otherwise. Please watch your speeds, be aware of your surroundings, and be prepared to stop in the event of an emergency. California Vehicle Code section 22352(b)(2). Minimum fine \$238.00.
- 6) All persons riding bicycles upon public roadways are required to follow the same rules of the road as vehicles, including stopping at stop signs, following the speed limit, and yielding the right of way to approaching vehicles close enough to constitute a hazard. California Vehicle Code section 21200(a). Authority to enforce traffic laws upon bicyclists.

Traffic within the Town of Atherton will significantly increase during the morning and afternoon commute periods due to the beginning and ending of the school day. If your route takes you near a school, please be prepared for an increase in traffic, pedestrians, and bicyclists, and allow for extra time to arrive at your destination.

The Atherton Police Department will be patrolling around our schools during the morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up periods. The Atherton Police Department will be enforcing violations, such as the following:

- Speeding (California Vehicle Code section 22350 - Minimum fine \$238.00).
- Failing to stop at stop signs (California Vehicle Code section 22450(a) – Minimum fine \$238.00).
- Crossing double yellow lines (California Vehicle Code section 21460(a) – Minimum fine \$238.00).
- Passing in bicycle lanes (California Vehicle Code section 21209(a) – Minimum fine \$238.00).
- Failing to stop at red lights (California Vehicle Code section 21453 – Minimum fine ranges from \$238.00 to \$490.00).
- Cell phone violations (California Vehicle Code section 23123(a) – Minimum fine \$162.00).
- Texting while driving (California Vehicle Code section 23123.5(a) – Minimum fine \$162.00).
- Pedestrians crossing against red or flashing pedestrian signal (California Vehicle Code section 21456(b) – Minimum fine \$197.00).

The Atherton Police Department hopes everyone has a safe start to the new school year, and does their part to ensure safety around our schools.

ADAPT

By Norma Fogelberg, ADAPT Board Member

You never know when you will be involved in a local emergency on your street or in town, let alone in a larger natural disaster like an earthquake that could affect the entire San Mateo county or Bay Area. This week the water main pipes on our block broke and we were without water for 12 hours. Not a drop of water flowed through our pipes. This could have been highly problematic but we were prepared. Trees fall regularly effecting our electricity and traffic. How do you respond when something like these events affect you? How will you respond if something much bigger and potentially life-threatening might occur in our community?

And that's where ADAPT (Atherton Disaster And Preparedness Team) can help. ADAPT is about preparing your home, family and neighborhood for a range of emergency situations.

In the event of a major disaster (earthquake, flooding), the Town of Atherton is strongly advising all residents (approximately 7,200 of us) to be prepared to be on our own for **up to 7 days**. During this time, we are not likely to have much support from First Responders or access to emergency and hospital services, utilities, fresh water or food, or passable roads due to fallen trees, or even have communication with the outside world. In other words, we need to be ready to be fully self-sufficient for at least a week!!! If you don't really know where to start or need more information, ADAPT can be a useful local resource.

Get Informed

Visit our website www.getreadyatherton.org for resources, information, news and events.

Pick up your Emergency Preparedness Handbook available after October 15, 2017 at our Town Hall desk. This handbook is tailored specifically for Atherton residents.

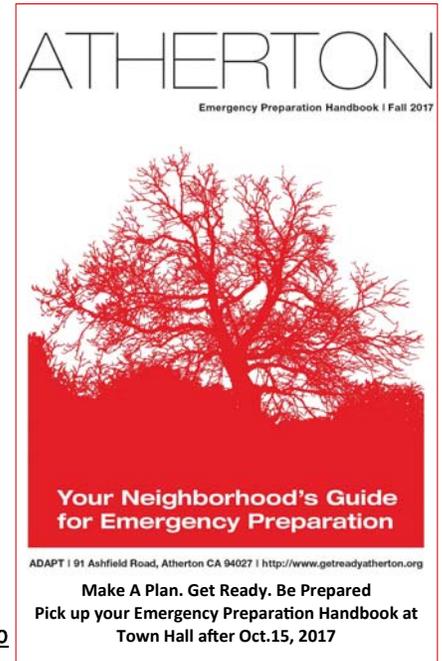
Come to our lively and informative monthly meetings to learn more about preparing your family and working with your neighbors. Monthly Meetings are held at 9am on the first Saturday of each month throughout the year at the Atherton Town Council Chambers, located at 83 Ashfield Road, Atherton, CA 94027.

For those who would like to know more about ADAPT please read on:

About ADAPT (Atherton Disaster Preparedness Team):

We are a volunteer group of concerned Atherton citizens formed to collaborate with Atherton Police Department and town officials, and Menlo Park Fire, in helping prepare our neighborhoods for major local emergencies and larger scale natural disasters.

ADAPT is a 501(c)(3) public charitable organization (#27-4995813 - Federal and California Registrations) and reports in to the Atherton Police Department. We are also closely linked to the Menlo Park Fire Protection District's Community Crisis Management (CCM)/Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program.



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ADAPT's History:

Atherton's resident emergency preparation and organization was originally led by Bob Jenkins and other Atherton residents, starting in the mid-late 1990's, who created a program to prepare the Town's residents for a major disaster. Bob retired and moved out of the Town in the mid 2000's and a group of citizens formed the ADAPT (Atherton Disaster and Preparedness Team) organization.

In 2008, Atherton resident Scott Barnum assumed the ADAPT leadership and steadily enhanced its membership and neighborhood organization. During his tenure, ADAPT was incorporated as a 501(c)(3), a website was established (www.getreadyatherton.org), emergency equipment caches were funded and procured, the Town of Atherton Emergency Rollout document was created in November 2015 and the first ever Atherton Community Emergency Drill was conducted in August 2016.

In December 2016, Tom Prussing was elected chairperson for ADAPT with Scott Barnum as vice-chairperson. Norma Fogelberg was elected treasurer. Susan Wigley-Warren assumed the role of ADAPT Secretary.

The Work of ADAPT:

- Helps individual neighborhoods and households organize, develop emergency plans and improve readiness
- Disseminates relevant emergency preparedness educational materials, information and resources to the community
- Holds organizational and coordination meetings with police, fire, school and Town officials and neighborhoods
- Helps facilitate training exercises and disaster drills within the community
- Presents emergency training and education sessions to residents

Engage with ADAPT:

Learn how to get your own household and neighborhood better organized and prepared for major emergencies and disasters, like an earthquake.

Get the facts and better understand the risks and implications of major disasters for our Town and area.

Help your community while learning about how you can better support your family and home in an emergency

ADAPT Contact: Tom Prussing – tprussing@gmail.com for questions and additional information

“Get Informed, Make a Plan and Acquire Provisions! Get involved with ADAPT to achieve these critical objectives and to learn more about preparing yourselves, your families and your neighborhoods to deal with a major emergency or natural disaster.”

Chief Steven McCulley - Atherton Police Department



Scott Barnum, Tom Prussing, & Sergeant Kockler



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Another Successful National Night Out!

Tuesday, August 1 marked Atherton's 4th Annual NNO. Red-E-Fox and Chipper were both in attendance, alongside Members of the City Council, Atherton's City Manager, Chief of Police, and Police and Fire Personnel.

Attendees enjoyed a delicious BBQ by Town staff, a petting zoo provided by Jasper Ridge Farm, CHP's helicopter landing, MPFPD drone demonstration, live DJ, sweet treats, jumpy house, face painting, and so much more!!!!

Join us next year!

SAVE THE DATE - AUGUST 7, 2018



To view all the photos of this wonderful event, please visit: www.ci.atherton.ca.us/NNO2017