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TOWN CENTER PROJECT UPDATES

For the latest updates you can now watch these exciting changes happening live on webcams through the Town's website and look through photos that capture the project's progress. Don't miss a minute of it, check out our website at www.ci.atherton.ca.us. Subscribe with NotifyMe to get news instantly emailed to you about the project. For more information about the Town Center Project, please contact Project Manager, Marty Hanneman at mhanneman@ci.atherton.ca.us. For a history on the project, check out the Town Center Page www.ci.atherton.ca.us/290/Town-Center-Project.



June 6, 2019

Town Hall/Contract Post Office Station and Permit Center open their doors for customers at their new location and trailers.

July to August

S.J. Amoroso began with clearing the site to begin excavation and pavement grading for the new roadways. The main focus for was getting the basic utilities in place. The new sewer line itself will start at Maple to Fair Oaks.

September to October

S.J. Amoroso finalized the roadway from Fair Oaks into the secure Police Parking lot and the new sewer line work is completed. The project continues with the focus on storm drain installation, grouting and wrapping embeds for the building, and installation of grade beams, water supply, and underground electrical supply.

ATHERTON'S SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS



For more information about the Town's annual events, sponsorship, and opportunities please contact Office Specialist, Francesca Reyes at 650-752-0500 or via email at freyes@ci.atherton.ca.us.



A.D.A.P.T. Leads Atherton's 4th Annual Emergency Preparedness Drill

On September 7th Atherton & A.D.A.P.T. held the 4th Annual Emergency Preparedness Drill in Holbrook-Palmer Park. With more than 100 participants, including the Town's Mayor, the group was able to respond to simulated post earthquake disasters and emergencies all throughout the immediate neighborhood. These were created and crafted specifically for scenarios that the Town of Atherton could experience. There were organized teams who set out to rescue, observe, report, and perform faux medical treatment based on incidents planted around the Town. This included a 15-person recovery operation from a staged car collision. The drill was a huge success with a high degree of participation. Attendees gained new skills that



will prove to be useful for themselves and those in need of help.

A few local emergency preparedness drills are held, in this area, each year and are typically orchestrated by a seasoned emergency preparedness veteran. The Atherton Drill was created by Tom Prussing, the President of A.D.A.P.T. All Atherton residents are encouraged to attend these drills and prior experience is not required to participate.

Join A.D.A.P.T. and train with dedicated volunteers and residents, for their brief monthly meetings that occur on the first Saturday of every month. Each meeting includes an educational classroom forum and, oftentimes, hands-on practice, or a guest speaker!

The next meeting is on November 2 at the Jennings Pavilion at Holbrook-Palmer Park at 9:00 a.m. Police Chief McCulley will provide additional preparedness insight.

A.D.A.P.T.'s mission in partnership with the Atherton Police Department, is to educate and empower residents to react safely and strategically when a disaster strikes. For more information and to sign-up for further communications, visit GetReadyAtherton.org



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ATHERTON DISASTER AND PREPAREDNESS TEAM

THE WORLD OF TREES AT HOLBROOK-PALMER PARK

Holbrook-Palmer Park has approximately 860 trees within the 22-acre parcel. There are over 100 species of trees within the park which includes native Oak trees and other unique species. Almost 500 of those species are smaller trees and 68 larger trees.



When you take a walk around the park, be sure to keep an eye out for the large Redwood near the Main House that has a large donated Staghorn Fern connected to the trunk. The Fern is a special feature in the park that was generously donated by an Atherton resident.

Every year as part of Arbor Day, the Town, Tree Committee, and other volunteers plant, replace, and remove trees so that we can continue to grow the park's canopy. This year to help with watering the newly planted trees, green watering bags were installed. These hold 15 gallons and only need to be filled once a week. The trees will be watered for up to 3 years until they are established.

Holbrook-Palmer Park is located at 150 Watkins Avenue and is open one-half hour before sunrise to one-half after sunset.



Feel to contact the Town Arborist/Park Manager, Sally Bentz with any question about the trees in the park at (650)752-0526 or sbentz@ci.atherton.ca.us



WELCOME TO ATHERTON !

Debbie Allen was born in Portland, Oregon and spent most of her life living in Rochester, Minnesota. She lives with her husband and 2 children – ages 7 and 10. In her free time, Debbie enjoys spending time with her family and going to the beach.

Debbie has over 7 years of experience as a Dispatcher, starting her career with the Minnesota State Patrol in 2012 and more recently for the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office. She began her employment with the Town on August 12 and is currently in the Communication Training Officer program for two months. Once completed, she will begin work as a solo dispatcher.





ATHERTON STREET SAFETY REMINDERS

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 and around the neighborhoods:

- 1) Passing a vehicle inside of a bicycle lane is illegal. A motorist can only enter a bicycle lane for the following reasons: 1) 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), 2) To enter or leave the roadway, and 3) 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 oncoming 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. Allow for extra time to arrive at your destination.

The Atherton Police Department (APD) will be around our schools during the morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up periods. (APD) 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.



ATHERTON HOME SAFETY REMINDERS

Research suggests the highest percentage of residential burglaries occur in the summer months. Unfortunately, there is a dramatic spike during the holiday season as well.



Here are tips for helping to protect your home while you're away:

- Lock your doors, windows, and keep your garage closed and secured.
- Leave lights on when you go out. Install timers on indoor/outdoor lights or install outdoor lights with motion sensors.
- Keep your TV or radio on while you are away from your home so it appears someone is home.
- Ship your packages somewhere safe like your place of business so that you can keep the driveway clear of items that can be stolen.
- Don't put boxes of your purchased items in your trash
- Installing a security system and security cameras are only useful when you remember to activate them ! Many burglars will not be deterred by a window sticker or sign indicating that the home has an alarm system.
- Never leave keys under doormats, flowerpots, mailboxes or other "secret" hiding places--burglars know where to look for hidden keys.
- Keep a detailed inventory of your valuable possessions, including a description of the items, date of purchase and original value, and serial numbers, and keep a copy in a safe place away from home.
- Trim your shrubbery around your home to reduce cover for burglars.

Tips on how to avoid car break-ins:

- Do not leave valuables and personal items in plain view:
- Do not leave windows or sunroof open.
- Do not leave doors unlocked.
- Do not leave keys in the vehicle.
- Do not leave the garage door opener in plain view.
- Do not move valuable items to the trunk while in public view.

If Your Home Is Broken Into:

If you come home to find an unexplained open/broken window or door:

- Do not enter - the perpetrator may still be inside.
- Use your mobile phone or a neighbor's phone to call police.
- Do not touch anything or clean up until the police have inspected for evidence.
- Write down the license plate numbers of any suspicious vehicles.
- Note the descriptions of any suspicious persons.

Free Services provided by the Atherton Police Department:

Atherton residents can have their alarm system directly connected to the Atherton Police Department to allow the fastest police response time. This will allow the department to monitor your home alarm system as further reducing our response to time to your alarm call. We also provide vacation house checks to ensure you peace of mind while you are away.

For additional crime prevention tips or to arrange for a crime prevention specialist to conduct a neighborhood association or group meeting contact the Atherton Police Department non-emergency line at 650-688-6500.



ATHERTON SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT AND REQUIREMENTS

As a reminder, the Town of Atherton has a "Special Event Permit" ordinance and application process for residents (Town Ordinance Chapter 17.56 Special Events).

Town of Atherton Special Event Permit Ordinance Chapter 17.56

17.56.020 Purpose and intent.

A. The purpose of this chapter is to ensure the comfort, safety, and general welfare of the Town citizens by controlling the number of special events and impacts of such events on the community and by providing a permit process.

B. The intent of this chapter is to protect residents from excessive noise, traffic, and other intrusions upon their privacy.

C. It is also the intent of this chapter to defray the costs of processing applications, responding to calls for service surrounding events, and providing extraordinary services related to the specific event.

D. The City Manager or his/her designee shall be responsible for enforcement of this chapter. (Ord. 615 § 1 (part), 2015; Ord. 582 § 1 (Exh. A) (part), 2009)

17.56.040 Permit required.

A. All special events held in the public right-of-way shall obtain a special event permit. Activities include, but are not limited to, processions such as walks, road races, bicycle rides, skate-a-thons, and similar activities.

B. A special event permit is required for any special event held on private property, occurring over the course of two or more consecutive days where members of the public are invited. Activities requiring a permit include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Motion picture filming;
2. House and garden tours;
3. Fundraisers;
4. Auctions;
5. Antique shows;
6. Concerts;

7. Other similar activities.

C. A special event permit is required for any special event held on private property, or public property that requires the assistance of the town for traffic control, public safety services, extraordinary parking control measures, waiver of any local, state, or federal ordinance, or other mitigation measures arising from the special event.

17.56.050 Application submittal requirements.

The following items and information shall be submitted to the City Manager or designee:

A. Completed application (application form supplied by the town) submitted to the town at least sixty days prior to the event.

B. Detailed description of the event.

C. Contact person available prior to and during the event.

D. Application fee (as set by resolution of the City Council).

E. The anticipated number of attendees and number of vehicle trips per day.

F. An on- and off-site parking and staging plan including the placement of barricades, etc.

G. A deposit as determined by the Town for the direct costs of the funding of any additional security measures not provided by the applicant.

H. A hold harmless agreement, naming the Town, its officers, employees, volunteers, and agents, and a certificate of insurance in the amount of two million dollars naming the Town as additional insured. The hold harmless agreement and certificate of insurance shall be reviewed and approved by the city attorney. (Ord. 615 § 1 (part), 2015; Ord. 582 § 1 (Exh. A) (part), 2009)

For more information on Special Event Permit requirements and the application process, please give the Town of Atherton a call at 650-752-0500.



REAL ESTATE SIGNS



- Maximum allowed sign height, including posts or fixtures is 6'.
- Signs are prohibited within 6' of the improved right-of-way.
- Sign may not exceed 16 sq. feet. in size (incl. both sides). Maximum dimension of any side is 4'.
- Signs located within 10' of a driveway may not exceed 2 1/2' in height.
- Signs higher than 4' must be at least 20' from any intersection (driveways/streets).
- Only 1 sign allowed per listed property. Sign must be on or immediately adjacent to listed property.
- Up to 2 "open house" signs are allowed at nearest intersections only on the day of the event. (Saturdays and Sundays only)
- Signs found in violation will be removed by Town staff, stored for up to 30 days. If unclaimed, they will be disposed of.



Atherton Arts is proud to present it's second year of classes! If you haven't joined us for a class, come by the AAF Room (basement of the main house) and give us a visit! Classes are most likely to be held on a Saturday and/or a Tuesday. There will be a schedule posted on the door, so you may take a picture of that! As you walk around the park, enjoy the artful beauty of the changing of the seasons. We have so much to appreciate within Holbrook Palmer Park and our community.



HALLOWEEN AT THE PARK

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30th

5 p.m.—7 p.m.

HOLBROOK-PALMER PARK

Bring your little ghosts & goblins for spook-tacular fun! More info to come. Check out our events page at www.ci.atherton.ca.us/events



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