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For the latest updates and resources related to COVID-19, we encourage residents to visit www.ci.atherton.ca.us/536/Novel-Coronavirus-COVID-19 and sign up for NotifyMe to get alerts via text and email.



**Town Hall/ Post Office &
Permit Center Holiday Closure**

**Thursday, December 24 at
12:00 p.m. through Friday,
January 1**

For questions, please call Town Hall at 650-752-0500

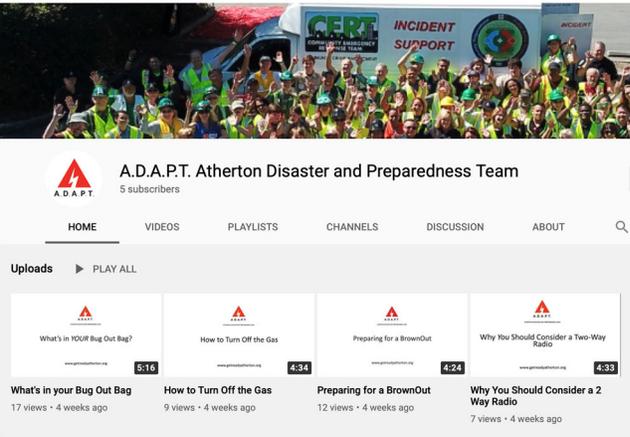




ATHERTON DISASTER AND PREPAREDNESS TEAM

We're pleased to present a new way to learn about disaster preparedness on your own time through A.D.A.P.T.'s YouTube channel. Here, we address a variety of important topics including: Items to include in your go-bag, how to turn off your home's gas source, key considerations for buying and using a 2-way radio, and how to prepare for a brownout (power outages). Subscribe today as we are adding content quite often! On Youtube, search for "Atherton Disaster and Preparedness Team"

Most importantly, if you have an idea for a new topic, or if you'd like to help with future videos, let us know!



Join us for our monthly meetings happening on the first Saturday of each month. Until further notice, they will be held virtually & securely through Zoom. Sign up for the meeting invites on our homepage at GetReadyAtherton.org.

A.D.A.P.T.'s sole mission, in partnership with the Atherton Police Department, is to train and organize Atherton residents to be; resilient, responsive, capable and recovery-able in the event of a town-wide emergency, pandemic or disaster event. Visit us online at www.getreadyatherton.org

Winter has arrived and now is a good time to prepare your households for the heavy rains, power outages, and falling debris that inevitably occur throughout our town during a typical wet weather season.

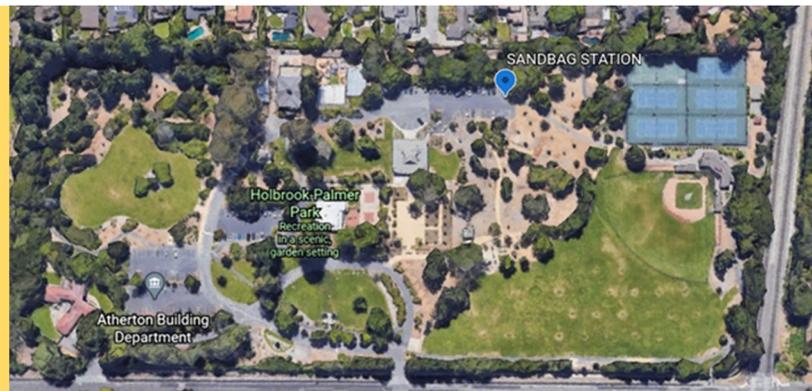


PUBLIC WORKS

Make sure your emergency back-up power generators, sump pumps and other detention systems are in good working order. Ensure that flashlights, lanterns, and candles are in an accessible location in case of a small-scale power outage.

For those concerned with the possibility of small-scale flooding issues, you can reduce the amount of water entering property by placing sandbags in key locations. When placing sandbags, stagger them in an overlapping pattern like brickwork. You do not want to place a sandbag wall around your whole house and consider how you would remove trapped floodwater. Avoid moving water of any level into storm-damaged areas or areas known to be susceptible to flooding. Avoid contact with floodwaters as they may be contaminated or electrically charged from downed or underground power lines. Stay away from downed power lines and report them to the power company. Exercise caution when driving and adhere to any detours, warnings or barricades. Roadways where floodwaters have receded may be damaged. When driving in your neighborhood during a storm, keep an eye out for our vehicles with their trademark flashing amber lights. This could be a sign of a downed tree or flooding, but it generally marks a worker in the streets away from their vehicle.

With the on-going construction of the Town's Civic Center and Library, the sandbag filling station has been temporarily relocated to the rear parking lot at Holbrook-Palmer Park. During severe weather events, monitor local news and weather for flash flood warnings, evacuation orders, or other emergency notifications.



Public Works Department: 650-752-0500



PUBLIC WORKS, TOWN ARBORIST

Heritage Tree Removal Permit Process

A heritage tree is a tree that is 15.2” in diameter or 48” in circumference measured at 4’ up from the base of the tree.

The only trees that do not require a permit to be removed are Bailey’s Acacia, Blackwood Acacia, Eucalyptus, Green Wattle, Mimosa, and Tree of Heaven. Heritage trees are protected and require the town to review before they are removed. To apply you are required to fill out a form and pay a fee. The form is located on the Town Atherton Website under Building: <https://www.ci.atherton.ca.us/155/Arborist-Services-Tree-Protection>

Once the application and fee are received the Town Arborist will conduct a site visit to do a basic visual inspection of the tree. If the Town Arborist finds that the tree is dead or dangerous then the Town Arborist can approve the tree removal and the permit can be issued once the Town confirms the tree removal company has a current business license and valid insurance.

Please keep in mind the following:

- ***The Town Arborist will only review the tree(s) after an application and payment are received.***
- ***If the Town Arborist denies the application a refund is not provided.***
- ***In many cases a private certified arborist report will be required as part of the application.***
- ***If a heritage tree is removed without a permit a fine will be issued.***



Atherton Neighborhood Traffic Management Action Plan Update

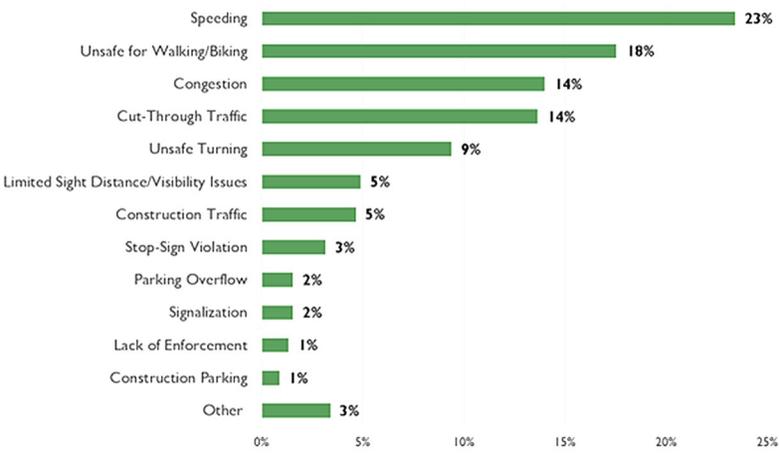


The Town of Atherton initiated the Neighborhood Traffic Management Action Plan to address resi-dent concerns about traffic-related issues throughout the Town. The intent of the plan is to identify potential traffic management and calming measures and strategies to enhance safety, accessibility, and mobility, and ultimately, the quality of life of Atherton residents.

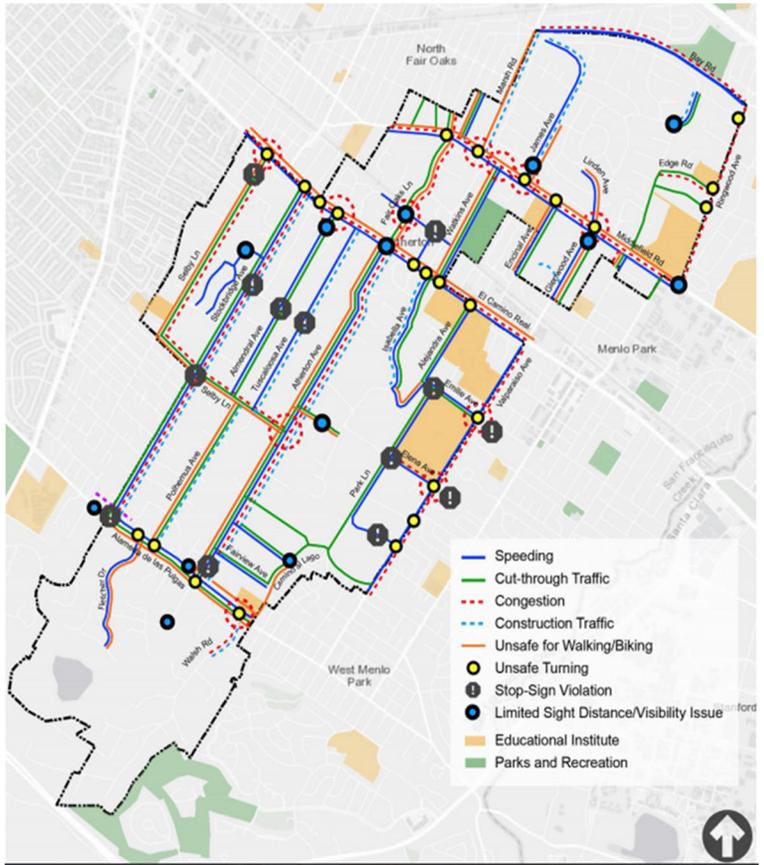
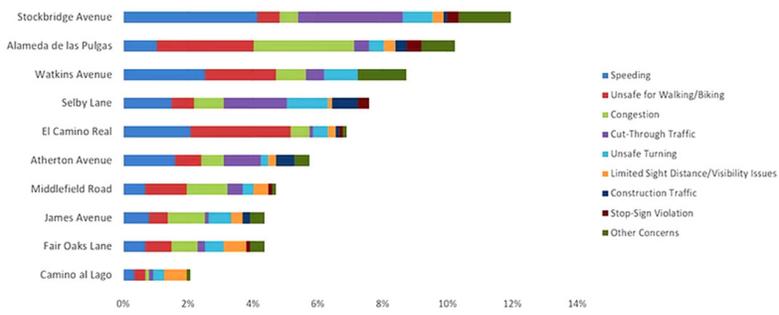
We would like to thank our residents that participated in the initial phase of the project by relaying their traffic, mobility and safety concerns through attendance of one of the Listening Sessions held on August 6 and August 13, completion of the on-line survey, use of the interactive map on the project website to relay site specific concerns, or by directly reaching out to staff to communicate any issues. We have compiled the data gathered through the initial phase of the project. The top areas of concern include speeding, safety for walkers and bikers, congestion and cut-through traffic. Detailed information regarding the project including the complete list of comments and concerns raised is available on the project website: <https://www.athertontrafficmanagement.com/>

We are working with our consultant, TJKM, to analyze the data gathered and develop potential measures and strategies that can be used. We plan on holding virtual workshops after the analysis phase is complete to share some of the proposed measures and strategies and to initiate a public outreach effort to solicit feedback on site specific measures through an interactive map and on-line survey. Your participation in this next effort, anticipated in February 2021, is critical to the development of the Neighborhood Traffic Management Action Plan. Please register on the project website: <https://www.athertontrafficmanagement.com/> to subscribe and receive notifications on the project and website updates.

For more information, please contact Public Works Director, Robert Ovadia at 650-752-0541 or email at rovadia@ci.atherton.ca.us



Top 10 Corridors and Top 8 Concerns
The top 10 corridors mentioned and their top 8 concerns.



Traffic Reminders and Safety Tips

The Atherton Police Department encourages everyone to travel safely within the Town of Atherton. If you walk at night or at times of low light, please realize that the Town of Atherton does not have many street lamps, the roads are dark and narrow, and pedestrians are difficult to see.



Here are some reminders to help maintain the safety of drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians who travel on the streets within the Town of Atherton:

- Please travel at or below the posted speed limit. The majority of streets within the Town of Atherton are posted at 25 miles per hour. Traveling at the posted speed limit will help reduce collisions, which will reduce injuries and property damage.
- A bicycle is considered a vehicle, and a bicyclist must obey all of the laws and regulations which apply to a vehicle, including speed limits, stop signs, and red lights. A bicyclist must travel with the flow of traffic (in the same direction), not against it (in the opposite direction). And finally, those bicyclists under 18 years of age must wear a properly fitted and fastened bicycle helmet.
- If you walk on the streets within the Town of Atherton, please walk facing on-coming traffic, not with your back towards on-coming traffic. This will allow you to see vehicles which are approaching and may give you time to move out of the way and avoid a possible collision. Also, if you are walking during hours of darkness, please wear light-colored or reflective clothing to increase your visibility to on-coming motorists.

If you have a traffic question you would like answered, send your question to Sgt. Anthony Kockler at akockler@ci.atherton.ca.us.



Trash receptacles that are not removed and properly stored in a timely manner can cause dangerous traffic issues, obstruct the pedestrian and bicyclist path, including nuisances such as odoriferous, health and safety, etc.) For more information, please contact Code Enforcement Officer, Monica Diaz at mdiaz@ci.atherton.ca.us

- Every resident/occupant must acquire and utilize approved receptacles, with sufficient service.
- Town's waste collection franchisee must be utilized.
- Receptables may only be kept in the right-of-way up to twenty-four (24) hours before/after the scheduled service day.
- Cans cannot impede traffic or cause a hazard.
- No trash is allowed on the right-of-way.
- Trash cans must have lids and be kept from overflowing while in view of the public.
- Cans cannot be stored in the front or side yards that are visible from the street, unless enclosed or screened.

GreenWaste Recovery will begin servicing the Town of Atherton officially on January 1, 2021. For more information, please visit their website https://www.greenwaste.com/service_area/atherton/ or call 650-789-5999. You can also email them at atherton@greenwaste.com



The Atherton Police Department is pleased to welcome our newest Police officers and Dispatcher to the Town of Atherton. Our agency is fortunate to have motivated, knowledgeable, and talented officers and civilian staff who are eager and to serve our residents each and everyday.



Officer Igor Davidovich began his employment on March 24, 2020. Igor recently graduated from the Coyote Valley South Bay Academy in addition to four months of training by the Police Department. He is now an active solo patrol officer.



Communications Dispatcher, Gabriela Abarca began June 1, 2020. Gabriela completed her six months training of the South Bay Basic Public Safety Dispatch Academy and is now a solo dispatcher.



Officer Vaneesh Kumar (left) and Officer Jose Yamsuan (right) both began on July 13, 2020. Both of the officers were previously working for the Menlo Police Department and are excited to share their skills and experiences with the community.



We would also like to welcome recent hire, Officer Dimitri Andruha along with returning Officer, Josh Gatto. Their biographies will be available in the Athertonian Spring Edition 2021.

Local Artists' Response to Shelter-In-Place

Part I: "I'm happy to share with you, art is alive and well in Atherton!" by Dorothy Hunter



BARBARA TUFFLI: Barbara is an award winning horticulturist, fine art photographer and floral designer. There is a "silver lining to being at home."



COSETTE DULEY: "Art as an ongoing process!" She has shown in numerous exhibits and had been scheduled to exhibit when the pandemic hit.



ELAINE MCCREIGHT: As a painter and a poet, Elaine is interested in the overlaps of dream, reality and imagination. Thank you Elaine for continuing to 'give back' to our community through your passion of art!



GORDON DEEG: Approximately one third of Gordon's Atherton lot is lined with tables of 300-400 Bonsai trees. The care of Bonsai continues; pandemic or not!



MARY (WOOLLOMES) LIPIAN: She primarily paints with oil and her paintings are intended to capture the pulse of cities. Mary has embraced new artist challenges!



JOANNA BACIOCCO: Joanna started painting 20 years ago and found painting outdoors in plain air her dream come true. Her hope is her paintings will soothe souls and satisfy minds.



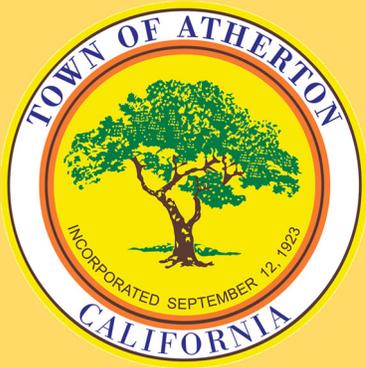
KRISTA (UNGERMAN)

SKEHAN: In her art work, Krista uses acrylic paint, loves to paint fast and use gobs of paint! "Life is too short to not do what you love!"



EDITH BERGSTROM: Edith began concentrating on palms in the early 1970's. Each one of her paintings she considers as a 'portrait of a palm', relaying the uniqueness and beauty of each specimen.

For the complete interview of the Atherton Artists, please see the Atherton Arts Foundation website at www.athertonarts.org



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