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A Quarterly Newsletter for Atherton Residents

eGovernment

New Website for the Town

The Town is redeveloping its current website in order to improve service delivery, democratic responsiveness, and public outreach. Unlike our current hierarchal website structure, the new system will allow residents to seek information and records at their own convenience, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Citizens will be able to find and get information with a limited number of click-throughs. Our goal is to create a website that considers administrative ease and collaboration, and end user empowerment within a sophisticated design that resonates with the community – all with citizen engagement in mind. The Town's scheduled "Go Live" date is Wednesday, July 31.

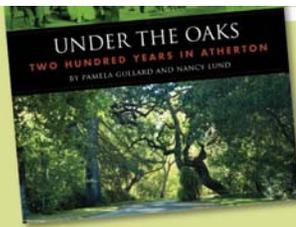
A rendition of the new website:



Happy Birthday to the Town of Atherton

On September 12, 2013 it will be 90 years since the Town was incorporated. It had been a race between Menlo Park and Fair Oaks, as Atherton was known then, to get to the Court House in Redwood City first to incorporate. Our petition got there first by horse. Since there was already a town called Fair Oaks near Sacramento, the Founding Fathers picked the name Atherton to honor Faxon Dean Atherton, one of our first residents. Read all about our wonderful Town in **Under the Oaks, Two Hundred Years of Atherton**

History. It is available from the Heritage Room (Tuesdays from 10 until noon) or call 650-688-6540. It is now available for \$65.00. The Heritage Room could also use your talents. We would love to have you join us. <http://www.athertonhistory.com>





Thank you Atherton Police Foundation!

As obesity increases among the American population, research shows an increase in the number of peace officers who are overweight and obese. A recent study conducted by the Journal of American Medical Association of peace officers in the US revealed that 33.6 percent of officers were considered obese, which means they had a body mass index that was greater than 30 percent. In that study, nearly 80 percent of the 5,000 officers who participated in that study were overweight.

Thanks to Herb Lechner and the Atherton Police Foundation, Police Department employees now have an excellent new gym to help them stay fit. It's imperative that police officers stay in shape, not only for their own safety, but also for the safety of the community that they protect and serve. For cops, finding the motivation to exercise after working 12-hour shifts isn't always easy, but when there's a nice gym only steps



Civic Center Advisory Committee

The Atherton City Council is making progress toward constructing a new Civic Center. At the beginning of the effort, City Council named Mayor Lewis and Council member Dobbie as liaisons to the Civic Center Advisory Committee (CCAC). CCAC members were selected to represent the Town's residents and include Rick DeGolia (Vie Chair), Steve Dostart, Didi Fisher, Rose Hau, Phil Lively, Clive Merredew and Paul Tonelli. On June 19, City Council approved CCAC's recommendation to select the architectural firm of HMC to develop an integrated Master Plan for the current site which houses Town offices and the Library. The Town solicited proposals in March and received five proposals on April 25. A CCAC sub-committee screened and ranked all proposals using criteria stated in the Request for Proposal and developed interview questions for all firms. The CCAC interviewed four of the firms and selected the HMC team as the most qualified consultants. CCAC members were impressed with HMC's professional skills, including their ability to seek and capture extensive public input, their enthusiasm and experience with project elements including police facilities and libraries. Town staff are negotiating a scope of work and appropriate fee which will include analysis of alternative layouts, access, building sizes and landscaping. HMC will lead efforts to listen to Atherton residents regarding Master Plan components and layout at a series of community events during the six month Master Plan process. City Council expects to award a contract to HMC at its July 19 meeting, with work commencing immediately thereafter.

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City Council Meeting



City Council held a goals and priorities workshop in late May. During the workshop, City Council decided to begin holding a monthly study session on the first Wednesday of each month beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The purpose of the study sessions is to allow City Council to work through their goals and priorities without impact to the regular monthly City Council meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

New Atherton Art Show - Mark your Calendar

The Atherton Arts Foundation is teaming up with the Silicon Valley Open Studios program to present a juried art show to be held at Holbrook Palmer Park in Atherton on Friday and Saturday, September 6 and 7. There will be a reception in the Main House on Friday where works selected by the jurors will be displayed. A broader selection of work by these artists will be available for viewing at Jennings Pavilion. Come join us, enjoy some great art, and cast a vote for your favorite.

September 6, 5pm-8pm, Artists' Reception and Show
September 7, 11am-4pm, Show
Holbrook Palmer Park, Pavilion and Main House

8TH ANNUAL ATHERTON ART EXHIBIT

September 7, 2012 , 4:00 - 7:30pm
Jennings Pavilion, Holbrook-Palmer Park, Atherton

ARTISTS
BACIOCCO
BARRACK
BEARDSLEY
BERLINER
CAMBOURIS
DUDLEY
GAULKE
GIVOT
HOROWITZ
KAUFMANN
KILLEN
KING
MARSTON
RIDARD
ULLMAN
WELLING
WENTZ
WOODS
WRIGHT

ART in the park
Sponsored by The Atherton Arts Foundation
and Atherton Arts Committee



SUMMER & FALL EVENTS



at the Atherton Library



CHILDREN'S STORYTIMES:

TODDLER TIME

Tuesday mornings at 10:30 am
For children ages 18 months to 36 months
Summer session June 18- August 6
Fall begins September 17

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

For children ages 3-5
On Summer break
Will resume Sept 9, Mondays at 11 am

BABY BOUNCE AND RHYME TIME

For children ages 0-18 months
Tuesdays at 11:15 am
Year round

MUSICAL STORYTIME

2nd and 4th Thursday of the month
Through August at 4 pm
July 13 and 27; August 8 and 22
On break in September
Family storytime for all ages

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS:

SUMMER READING PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS!

Now through August 23
The theme is "Reading is So Delicious"
Pick up your reading log to win prizes.

LEGO CLUB- DROP IN AND BUILD WITH LEGOS

Fridays: July 5, 12, 19, 26 10 am - 12 pm
For ages 4 and up

BUSY BEE DOG SHOW

Monday, July 8 at 3 pm
Meet some clever, adorable dogs and
watch them perform.
All ages

FRATELLO MARIONETTES PRE- SENT "ALADDIN"

Monday, July 15 at 3 pm
Ages 4 and up

UNCLE JER'S TRAVELING BEE SHOW

Monday, July 22 at 3 pm
Ages 4 and up

ANIMALS OF THE WORLD WITH WILD THINGS, INC.

Monday, July 29 at 3 pm
Meet animal ambassadors from 5
continents.
Ages 3 and up

MAKE A CARDBOARD "DONUT" CRAFT

Thursday, August 1 at 3 pm
For ages 3 and up

DAD AND ME PUPPET SHOW

Monday, August 5 at 7 pm
Puppet Art Theatre returns with a special
program for dads and kids (moms are
welcome too). For all ages. Co-Sponsored
by the Fatherhood Collaborative of San
Mateo County.

SUMMER READING FINALE: PICNIC AND MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, August 23 at 5:30 pm with movie
at 7 pm

ZUN ZUN

Monday, September 16 at 4 pm
Musical duo Zun Zun present a Rain For-
est musical program for ages 4 and up.

PAWS FOR TALES

4th Saturday of each month from 11 am -
12 pm
Children ages 5 and older can sign up to
read to a trained service dog.

TEEN PROGRAMS:

READING IS SO DELICIOUS:

Now through August 31.
Receive a reading log to keep track of 3
books that you read during the summer.

CANDY SUSHI MAKING

Thursday, July 18 at 3:30 pm
Teens and tweens are invited to create
their candy sushi creation.

MEDIA LITERACY WORKSHOP

Saturday, August 3 from 10 am - 2 pm
Fresh Takes of Redwood City brings us an
amazing 4 hour workshop for teens (ages
13-18) to learn how to "read" media as
well as how to "decode" it's messaging.

FRUIT NINJA GAMING TOURNA- MENT

Friday, August 23 at 5 pm - 6:45 pm
Prepare to battle among other Fruit Ninjas!
Come, hang out, and submit your final
Summer Reading reviews while you wait.

ADULT PROGRAMS:

READING IS SO DELICIOUS:

Adult summer reading- Now through
August 31
Join the summer reading program by
submitting reviews of books you are read-
ing.

COMPUTER COACHING

Mondays from 12 pm- 1pm
Drop into this relaxed and welcoming
tutoring session with your technical
questions for one on one help.

IN THE MOMENT: JAPANESE ART

Saturday, July 13 at 1 pm
This docent lecture explores the dynamic
nature of art selection and display in tradi-
tional Japanese settings.

GOOGLE DRIVE

Friday, August 9 at 1 pm
Learn all about this free, web-based office
suite that includes online data storage and
real-time collaboration.

IMPRESSIONISTS ON THE WATER

Saturday, October 5 at 1 pm
This docent lecture reveals more than 80
paintings by Impressionists.

FOR ALL AGES:

READING IS DELICIOUS

FOOD-OGRAPHY CONTEST

July 1 thru August 31
Foodography Contest for a chance to win
gift card prizes! Note: Winners are judged
on creativity and originality. Enter by
emailing atherton@smcl.org and please
include a brief description of your photo
along with your name.

GLOBAL CANDY TASTING

Wednesday, August 14 at 4 pm
Candy is enjoyed by many around the
globe. Learn and taste candy from
different countries.

FINAL FRIDAY FLICKS@ 7 pm

Family friendly films are shown the last
Friday of each month
July 26- "James and the Giant Peach"
August 23 (note date change for Summer
Reading finale)- "Ratatouille"
September 27- "Rise of the Guardians"

KNIT TOGETHER

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

ICE CREAM SOCIAL AND BOOK EX- CHANGE

Saturday, September 21 from 1 pm -3 pm
Bring a book and take a book, and have
some free ice cream in the Library Secret
Garden.

*Library events are posted on the library
web site at www.smcl.org or
Www.smcl.org/en/events-by-branch/
Atherton*



Arborists Corner

Who Let The Moths Out!

This month a great deal of phone calls are in regards to the number of moths fluttering about. Residents in and out of Atherton are quite concerned with the large moth flight and wonder how they can control them.

In this article we will discuss the life cycle of the oak moth and measure of control, if in fact control is needed.

The need for controlling the oak moth is a very spirited discussion among fellow arborist.

The **California Oakworm** or **California Oak Moth** (*Phryganidia californica*) is a [moth](#) of the [Notodontidae](#) family. It is found along the coasts of [California](#) and [Oregon](#). The moths are tan to gray in color with prominent wing veins. The [wingspan](#) is about 30 mm. Adults are on wing from March to November.

There are two generations per year in northern California. Sometimes there is a third generation in southern California. The larvae are black with lengthwise yellow stripes. Full-grown larvae are about 30 mm long. Pupation takes place in a white or yellow pupa with black markings. The larvae feed on the leaves of oak, especially coast live oak. The second broods will often feed on the deciduous oaks (valley, blue and black). Young larvae feed between veins on the lower leaf surface.

Although the upper leaf surface is left intact, it dries out and turns brown. Larvae in later instars chew com-

pletely through the leaf blade, often leaving only major leaf veins. Small [frass](#) (the black pellets on lawn furniture and cars) pellets drop from the canopy as larvae feed. In outbreak years, individual trees or groups of trees may be almost entirely defoliated, typically by late summer or early fall.

Adult Oak Moth

Another species of caterpillar that is particularly destructive to oaks is the **Tussock moth**. The Tussock moth is a relative of the gypsy moth and has an appetite for many species of plants. The tussock can be identified by the tufts of hair on its back. Fibers from the moth and the moth's cocoon may cause a rash on sensitive skin. The tussock moth has been a problem on the east side of El Camino and throughout Menlo Park and Palo Alto.

Control of the oak and tussock moth should occur in the larva stage (caterpillar). The caterpillars can be easily controlled by chemical application or by using a biological control. Chemical control uses insecticides to control the pest. The modern day chemicals are not nearly as environmentally destructive as the chemicals used in the past (sevin, malathion, diazinon).

BT (*Bacillus thuringiensis*) is a biological control that has been in use for the last 30 years. BT has a trade name of Dipel. Dipel is a selective



spray that only kills the caterpillar without harming other beneficial insects. Timing the application is extremely important when using BT. The caterpillars must be in early instars for optimum control. The caterpillar consumes the BT and dies in 1-3 days.

Scientists and ecologists will argue that the defoliation caused by the oak moth is a natural process and will not harm the trees. Pest control applicators and arborist with field experience will argue that defoliation of oaks during their growing season is never a good thing. Another conflicting argument in regards to whether or not to spray is that extreme defoliation to an oak tree is detrimental to the tree is from scientists who advise tree care professionals to limit pruning of the tree's foliage to no more than 25 percent from a tree but feel total defoliation (in one season) by a caterpillar is not harmful.

The decision to spray or not to spray is yours. The caterpillars can be annoying (and messy). It may also bother you to watch your tree/s be eaten live. If you do chose to spray, it is important to contact a licensed spray applicator to ensure the proper method is used. If you chose not to spray, your tree will return to looking normal the following year. Remember when choosing pest control use the least toxic and most environmentally friendly control methods.

Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Budget



At the June 19, 2013 City Council meeting, the Town of Atherton Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Annual Operating Budget was presented and adopted. The General Fund revenues are \$10.8 million and budgeted expenditures \$10.4 million. The projected fiscal year net fund balance is a surplus of \$363,000. The main revenue sources for the General Fund are Property Taxes and the Special Parcel Tax. Combined these two sources of General Fund revenue contain \$8.7 million or 80% of operating revenue. The General Fund is the main operating fund of the Town and includes the general operations of all Town departments. The Town budgeted revenues and expenditures conservatively and continues to monitor the fiscal climate.



Atherton PD Participates in LETR

On June 21st, 2013, members of the Atherton Police Department participated in the Northern California Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) and raised more than \$1000.00 for Special Olympics. Along with other allied law enforcement personnel, officers and non-sworn staff escorted the Special Olympics Torch, the Flame of Hope, which is on its way to the Summer Games Opening Ceremonies.

The mission of LETR, in partnership with our communities, is to support Special Olympics Northern California through fundraising and public awareness, while enhancing the quality of life of our athletes. More than 3,500 law enforcement personnel from Federal, Military, State, County and local agencies participate in the Torch Run campaign. It is a year round fundraising campaign that culminates every year at the Special Olympics Northern California Summer Games in June.

Special Olympics provide year round sports training and competition opportunities for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. Currently over 15,700 Special Olympics athletes participate in Special Olympics for free.



TENNIS KEYS

(Through February 2014)

\$150/ATHERTON RESIDENTS

\$200/NON-RESIDENTS

(Valid ID Required)

NEW KEYS MAY BE PURCHASED AT

ATHERTON TOWN HALL

91 ASHFIELD ROAD

8:00-12:00 pm and 1:00-5:00 pm

(Monday – Friday)

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT

ALAN MARGOT 650-400-0464 OR EMAIL alan@clevertennis.com



TAKE TIME TO ENJOY A CLASS AT HOLBROOK-PALMER PARK

**The following is the current schedule of classes held at Holbrook-Palmer Park.
Contact the instructor directly at the number listed under his/her name for more information
and registration fees.**

CLASS	DAY/TIME	CONTACT
<p>TENNIS LESSONS, TOURNAMENTS AND SUMMER TENNIS CAMP – Individual and group lessons may be scheduled. Call Tennis Pro for information about upcoming tournaments. Tennis keys are available at Town Hall, 91 Ashfield Road, Atherton: 650-752-0500 Residents: \$150.00 and Non-residents \$200.00 (February 2013-February 2014)</p>	<p>CALL FOR INFO</p>	<p>Alan Margot Tennis Pro 650-400-0464</p>
<p>INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE – Participants can dance their way “around the world” at the Carriage House. Learn dances from places you have only traveled to or dreamt of visiting. Build a basic dance repertoire. Previous dance experience is helpful, but not necessary.</p>	<p>Wednesdays 7:45PM – 10PM</p>	<p>Suzanne 650-854-3184</p>
<p>DOG TRAINING CLASSES – Offerings include a puppy class featuring obstacles and agility, a beginners’ class, and an intermediate class with “canine good citizen” certification. Classes offered quarterly. Minimum dog age is 3 months.</p>	<p>Mondays 6:30PM & 7:30PM</p>	<p>Bari 650-851-5500</p>
<p>DOG TRAINING CLASSES – TopDog Dog Training offers customized group dog obedience training. All breeds and levels welcome. Experienced trainers – satisfied clients – proven results. Private lessons are available.</p>	<p>Tuesday & Thursday afternoons</p>	<p>Freddie Jackson 650-619-8114 freddietopdog@gmail.com</p>



TOWN OF ATHERTON

2013 Calendar of Regular Meetings

City Council
 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
 July 17
 August 21
 September 18
 October 16
 November 20
 December 18

Planning Commission
 4th Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.
 July 24
 August 28
 September 25
 October 23

Park & Recreation Commission
 1st Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.
 August 7
 September 4
 October 2 5:30 p.m.
 November 6
 December 4

Arts Committee
 4th Tuesday, 1:00 p.m.
 July 23
 August 20
 September 24
 October 22
 November 26

Transportation Committee
 Every other month
 2nd Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.
 September 10
 November 12

Atherton Rail Committee
 Every other month
 1st Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.
 August 6
 October 1
 December 3

Environmental Programs Committee
 Every other month
 1st Tuesday, 2:00 p.m.
 Administrative Conference Room
 September 3
 November 5

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

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