

# Athertonian

Atherton Newsletter



## Get Ready Atherton!

March 26 ~ 6 pm - 8 pm



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

The Town, in collaboration with various public safety agencies, is planning a large, interactive public event on **March 26, 2015 from 6 pm to 8 pm in the Pavilion at Holbrook-Palmer Park, 150 Watkins Avenue, Atherton** to promote disaster preparedness in the Town of Atherton. Did you know that if a major disaster occurs in or around Atherton, we could be on our own without utilities or first responder support for up to one week depending on the size, type and scope of the disaster? Are you ready for such an emergency? We need to “*Get Ready*” and take personal responsibility for ourselves, our families and pets and our neighborhoods in the event of a natural or man-made disaster.

*Get Ready Atherton!* is a community-wide collaboration hosted by the Town of Atherton to help educate and prepare our residents and their families for a major disaster. The earthquake that hit Napa, California last summer is but one of many good lessons and reasons to be prepared.

Our event will consist of some short informational presentations from public safety officials (Police, Fire, USGS) and then a “trade show” of sorts with tables set up and manned by an array of emergency prep entities, such as emergency equipment/supply vendors, disaster management experts (Red Cross/USGS), utility companies and community groups (ADAPT – Atherton’s civilian neighborhood organizer and trainer), etc., where residents can get additional preparedness information, buy supplies and talk directly to people who can help you get prepared for a potential disaster.

This is a family-oriented event that will include children’s activities, raffles, and tools and tips for the entire family. Also, for purchase, will be tasty morsels from the ABC BBQ bus express. Come get informed, get equipped and *Get Ready Atherton!*





# Meet Your New Officers

The Atherton Police Department is excited to announce our newest hire, Officer Todd Carpenter, who attended West Valley Junior College where he obtained an A.S. Degree in Criminal Justice.

Officer Carpenter joined the U.S. Army and served one tour of duty while assigned to the Infantry Unit. He joined the San Jose Police Department in 1989 and worked numerous special assignments such as: Narcotics Enforcement Team, S.W.A.T., and was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. He joined the Traffic Enforcement Unit and worked as the Motor Sergeant for 5.5 years.

Once Officer Carpenter completes his field training program, he will be our third Motor Officer assigned to Traffic.



Please welcome our new Code Enforcement/Community Services Officer Monica Diaz to the Town of Atherton, where she is presently being trained by our current Code Enforcement Officer Bob Cushing.

Monica grew up in the Central Valley from a family of six and her love of work in the public sector started when she was a junior in high school. She completed a summer internship with the City of Madera's Finance Department and was offered a part-time position where she worked afterschool during the week. Since then, she has been working in Code Enforcement and other assignments in Madera.

Once Monica completes her field training program, she will be the sole Code Enforcement Officer. She wears several hats for the organization and if you need to contact her, the office number is 650-752-0553.



# Traffic Tips

## From Sergeant Kockler

The Atherton Police Department encourages everyone to drive safely and always follow all traffic laws. Here are the restrictions your newly licensed teen driver must follow as outlined in the Brady-Jared Teen Driver Safety Act of 1997 (California Vehicle Code section 12814.6.):

(1) During the first 12 months after issuance of a provisional license, the licensee may not do any of the following unless accompanied and supervised by a licensed driver who is the licensee's parent or guardian, a licensed driver who is 25 years of age or older, or a licensed or certified driving instructor:

(A) Drive between the hours of 11 p.m. and 5 a.m.

(B) Transport passengers who are under 20 years of age.

(2) A licensee may drive between the hours of 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. or transport an immediate family member without being accompanied and supervised by a licensed driver who is the licensee's parent or guardian, a licensed driver who is 25 years of age or older, or a licensed or certified driving instructor, in the following circumstances:

(A) Medical necessity of the licensee when reasonable transportation facilities are inadequate and operation of a vehicle by a minor is necessary. The licensee shall keep in his or her possession a signed statement from a physician familiar with the condition, containing a diagnosis and probable date when sufficient recovery will have been made to terminate the necessity.

(B) Schooling or school-authorized activities of the licensee when reasonable transportation facilities are inadequate and operation of a vehicle by a minor is necessary. The licensee shall keep in his or her possession a signed statement from the school principal, dean, or school staff member designated by the principal or dean, containing a probable date that the schooling or school-authorized activity will have been completed.

(C) Employment necessity of the licensee when reasonable transportation facilities are inadequate and operation of a vehicle by a minor is necessary. The licensee shall keep in his or her possession a signed statement from the employer, verifying employment and containing a probable date that the employment will have been completed.

(D) Necessity of the licensee or the licensee's immediate family member when reasonable transportation facilities are inadequate and operation of a vehicle by a minor is necessary to transport the licensee or the licensee's immediate family member. The licensee shall keep in his or her possession a signed statement from a parent or legal guardian verifying the reason and containing a probable date that the necessity will have ceased.

(E) The licensee is an emancipated minor.



If you have a traffic question you would like answered, send your question to Sgt. Anthony Kockler at [akockler@ci.atherton.ca.us](mailto:akockler@ci.atherton.ca.us). He will try to answer as many questions as possible. Also, look for more traffic questions and answers in upcoming issues of The Athertonian.



# Civic Center Architect Chosen

## WRNS STUDIO

The Civic Center Advisory Committee's (CCAC) recommendation at the Council's March 18 meeting is to approve a contract with WRNS Studio architects for the design of Atherton's new Civic Center project. WRNS was chosen from among 16 firms that submitted Statements of Qualification. CCAC members narrowed the submittals to 5 well-qualified and experienced firms that were invited to submit formal proposals, which are posted on the Town website. Following a series of interviews, including a joint meeting of the City Council and CCAC in late January, the CCAC agreed that they would recommend WRNS and their team of sub-consultants to City Council. According to Steve Dostart, CCAC Chair, "WRNS impressed us with their ability to listen to our concerns and provide creative design solutions appropriate to our rural and green environment. We also thought that the team would do a great job of working with our residents during our public outreach process." WRNS Studio was selected as the top firm in the United States by *Architect Magazine* in 2013. City Council and the CCAC specified a series of public meetings early in the design process to solicit residents' input.

In another major task, an environmental assessment pursuant to requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Town's environmental consultant, Placeworks, has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report. This report will be available to Atherton residents and will be distributed to a number of public agencies including Caltrain and surrounding jurisdictions for review in late March. Placeworks will be required to address concerns and comments in the EIR that they present to the Planning Commission and City Council for approval.

Fifteen new residents joined the Friends of Holbrook-Palmer Park for their annual New Residents' Party, held on February 12<sup>th</sup> at the Atherton home of Frauke and Michael Janssen. New residents had the opportunity to become acquainted with the Friends of Holbrook-Palmer Park, meet some of their fellow neighbors along with city council members. In addition, each new resident guest received a copy of "Under the Oaks", a recently published book on the history of Atherton.



having a golden egg. The lucky child that finds the golden egg can redeem it for a special prize.

"Each year the Annual Easter Egg Hunt attracts families throughout the Bay Area who have made this a yearly multi-generational tradition", said Denise Kupperman President of Friends of Holbrook-Palmer Park. "One of the highlights of this nostalgic event is seeing the excited children in their spring outfits carrying their Easter Baskets".

Upcoming Friends activities include the annual Easter Egg Hunt that will be held in the park on April 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. This is a major fundraiser for the park with an admission fee of \$10 per person. The admission fee will be charged at the gate.

This event is expected to draw close to 600 people to participate in the under 10 years old Easter Egg Hunt that includes, photos with the Easter Bunny, face painting, a magic show and breakfast treats. Children will be split into age groups with each field



Proceeds from the Easter Egg Hunt, as with all other events sponsored by The Friends, benefit capital improvements in the park. The group's recent project, in collaboration with the Holbrook-Palmer Park Foundation, is the Event Garden that will be completed in 2015. Past recent projects include: The Water Tower Garden, the pedestrian walking bridge, extension of the Walking Path and the exterior refurbishment of the historic Water Tower to name a few.



## Contract Postal Unit

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First Class  
Priority Mail  
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# TENNIS KEYS

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\$200/NON-RESIDENTS**

NEW KEYS MAY BE PURCHASED AT  
ATHERTON TOWN HALL  
91 ASHFIELD ROAD  
8:00-12:00 pm and 1:00-5:00 pm

Online Court Reservations:

<http://atherton.onlinecourtreservations.com>

## News From Holbrook Park

By: Julie Simonin


We're approaching one year since Catering by Dana took over the management of the Holbrook - Palmer Park's facilities. The year seems to have flown by, since we have been keeping quite busy with numerous fun events. It's amazing the way the different groups have transformed the North Meadow. There have been fun carnival themed corporate parties. There was a great western hoe down and a spectacular vintage circus themed open house. We are excited that weddings are back at the park as well. The Water Tower lawn is a beautiful location to hold your ceremony as well as the Main House patio. If you need a place for your company picnic, wedding, or event of any kind, Holbrook-Palmer Park is the place to make your visions come alive. The North Meadow can accommodate up to 300 guests. If your group isn't quite that large there is the Pavilion that accommodates 150 comfortably for a wedding or corporate party. The Carriage House can hold 70 and is the perfect place for a classic birthday party or an intimate memorial. The Main House is a great venue for a small group or meeting of up to 40 people, (or more) when you use the patio.

I enjoyed meeting many of you at the National Night Out last summer, and look forward to seeing you around our beautiful park!

When you are ready to plan your next event give me a call, I can be reached at 650-752-0534 or email me at: [jSimonin@ci.atherton.ca.us](mailto:jSimonin@ci.atherton.ca.us)







## Arbor Day – April 24<sup>th</sup>

### Celebrate by Planting New Trees!

Atherton has been a Tree City USA for 25 years. The Tree Committee met on February 19<sup>th</sup> to discuss the events for Arbor Day and will have planting events in Atherton from April 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>. Holbrook Palmer Park has been chosen as well as areas on Middlefield Road. A large native Oak will be planted in the median at Maple Leaf Way and De Bell Drive in the Lindenwood neighborhood.

Please contact Sally Bentz the Town Arborist at (650) 752-0526 or at [sbentz@ci.atherton.ca.us](mailto:sbentz@ci.atherton.ca.us) if you would like to volunteer or would like more information on this year's Arbor Day events. Additionally, if you are impassioned by the preservation of trees please consider joining the Tree Committee. We meet the third Thursday of the month at 4 p.m.

## Atherton Arts Foundation Spring Show To Feature Botanical Art

The Atherton Arts Foundation will be hosting the second annual Spring Art Show, Friday, April 17, 2015, from 4:00 to 7:30 pm at Jennings Pavilion in Holbrook Palmer Park. The theme of the show is classic botanical art. A variety of local artists will be showing their original paintings in watercolor, graphite, pen & ink, and colored pencil. Botanical art and illustration dates back to the eighteenth century and is both appealing and scientifically valid.

The show is free and light refreshments will be served.

The Foundation is in the planning stages for its fall show which will feature multimedia and is scheduled for Friday, September 11. Save the date!



## Spring/Summer Events at the Atherton Library



### CHILDREN'S STORY TIMES:

#### Toddler Time

Tues 10:30am -Ages 18- 36 m

#### Baby Bounce & Rhyme Time

Tues 11:30am Ages 0-18 m

#### Preschool Story time

Fri 10:30am Ages 3-5

#### Musical Story time

2nd & 4th Thursday 4pm  
All ages.

### CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS:

**Fridays at Noon, March 6-  
April 24-** Baby Sign Language Special 7 week series

**Thursday, April 2 at 3:30pm-** Music concert with Vered Babies through age 6.

**Monday, April 13 at 4pm-**

**Fratello Marionettes**

Ages 4 and up.

**Monday, May 4 at 4pm-**

**Boswick the Clown**

Ages 4 and up.

**Summer Learning Program begins June 1st for children and teens! More information and programming coming soon!**

**Friday, July 10 at 1pm-**

**Didgeridoo Down Under**

All ages.

**Wild and Wacky Wednesdays**

**Wed 3:30pm -All ages.**

**PAWS FOR TALES– 4th**

**Saturday of each month from**

**11am to Noon**

Ages 5 and up.

### TEEN PROGRAMS:

**Teen Summer Learning-**

**June 1 through August 30.**

### ADULT PROGRAMS:

**COMPUTER COACHING –  
Mondays from 12pm - 1pm**

**Saturday, March 28 at 2pm -**

**Genealogy 101: Family History Research**

**Wednesday, April 8 at 7pm-**

**eBook/Audio book drop in session**

**Wednesday, April 22 at 6pm -  
Botticelli to Braque**

### FOR ALL AGES:

**FINAL FRIDAY FLICKS @**

**7pm**

Last Friday of each month

March 27 - The Muppets Most

### Wanted

April 24- Book of Life

May 29- Planes: Fire and

Rescue

(note: film titles subject to change)

### KNIT TOGETHER

The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of

each month from 2-4 pm

### ICE CREAM SOCIAL AND

### BOOK EXCHANGE

Saturday, March 21, June 20

from 1-3 pm

**\*\* The Mondays at 4:00 pm programs, film programs, and Ice Cream Socials are sponsored by the Friends of the Atherton Library. If you wish to sponsor a special children's program, contact the librarian for details at 328-2422, ext. 225.**

Crooks use clever schemes to defraud millions of people every year. They often combine sophisticated technology with age-old tricks to get people to send money or give out personal information. They add new twists to old schemes and pressure people to make important decisions on the spot. One thing that never changes: they follow the headlines — and the money.

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CRAFTY  
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DON'T LET THEM CON YOU



## Scams & What to Do About Them



For more information, please visit the link below and if you have any questions about identity theft or other scams you may have been victim to, please contact Detective Sgt. Alfredo Guarducci at 650-752-0565.

[www.consumer.ftc.gov/scam-alerts](http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/scam-alerts)

### Calendar of Regular Meetings (does not include Special Meetings or Rescheduled Meetings)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Civic Center Advisory Committee Meeting 4:30 pm – 6 pm	Rail Committee Meeting (every other month) 6 pm – 9 pm	City Council Study Session 4 pm – 6 pm Park & Recreation Committee Meeting 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm			City Council Re-Broadcast Channel 26 – 7 pm 
	City Council Re-Broadcast Channel 26 – 11 am Environmental Programs Committee Meeting (every other month) 4 pm – 6 pm	Audit/Finance Committee Meeting (every other month) 2 pm – 4 pm Transportation Committee Meeting (every other month) 6 pm – 9 pm				
			City Council Meeting 7 pm – 10 pm			City Council Re-Broadcast Channel 26 – 7 pm 
	City Council Re-Broadcast Channel 26 – 11 am		Planning Commission Meeting 6 pm – 10 pm			



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City Clerk/Human Resources/ Assistant City Manager	650-752-0529	tdellasanta@ci.atherton.ca.us
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Finance Department	650-752-0552	rbarron@ci.atherton.ca.us
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Holbrook-Palmer Park Events	650-752-0534	jsimonin@ci.atherton.ca.us
Planning Department	650-752-0544	lruess@ci.atherton.ca.us
Police Administration	650-752-0503	jfrew@ci.atherton.ca.us
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Police Emergency	911	
Police Investigation	650-752-0565	aguarducci@ci.atherton.ca.us
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Police Records	650-688-6500	
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