

Athertonian

Atherton Newsletter



Town of
ATHERTON *California*

SUMMER
2017

SAVE THE DATE!

Tuesday, August 1, 2017

6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Come out and join your neighbors for
National Night Out Against Crime
At Holbrook-Palmer Park

150 Watkins Ave

Join Town staff, Atherton neighbors, and Red
E. Fox for a night of food, fun,
911 education!



POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Please R.S.V.P. to town@ci.atherton.ca.us or
650-752-0500

Chief Steven D. McCulley was born in Spokane, Washington, and was raised in the Seattle area. He is a graduate of Washington State University with Bachelor of Arts degrees in Criminal Justice and Sociology. He is also a graduate of the Northwestern University School of Executive Police Staff and Command, the University of Arkansas Rural Executive Management Institute, and the University of Northern Florida Institute of Police Technology and Management School of Administrative Investigations.



Chief McCulley began his law enforcement career at age 21 becoming a Washington State Patrol (WSP) Trooper. During his WSP career which spanned more than 27 years, he promoted through the ranks and held numerous positions including Criminal Investigations Detective, Detachment Sergeant, Administrative Investigations Sergeant, Criminal Information and Technology Section Commander, Assistant District Field Operations Commander, Homeland Security Assistant Division Commander, the WSP statewide Bomb Squad Commander, and the WSP statewide Rapid Deployment Force Commander.

Chief McCulley and his wife Lynn have been married for 27 years. They have two daughters, Megan and Peyton, who are

both graduating from universities in Washington this summer. The Chief and his wife are excited to move to the Bay Area and become part of the Atherton community.



Ivy removal is essential to tree health

English ivy is harmful to Atherton's beautiful trees. Ivy can strangle trees, accelerate rot, attract mosquitoes and cause mature trees to fall down during storms. It can also block sunlight to the tree's leaves. Dense ivy cover deprives the tree's bark of normal contact with air and microorganisms and competes with the tree for nutrients and water. Plants in general around trees can hide defects such as areas of decay and can trap moisture around the root crown, creating an environment for fungus. Ideally all competing plants within the dripline should be removed. Laying mulch around the trunk (but leaving the root crown exposed) can help keep ivy and other plants from returning.

It is best to remove as much of the ivy as you can by hand, including the roots. Ivy that is climbing up a tree should first be cleared away from the base of the trunk. Then, the ivy should be cut back 2-3 feet around the base of the tree. Pulling down the ivy higher up can damage the tree's bark. Once detached from the roots, the ivy will die and can then be removed.

Fall Tree Awards

In August, the Tree Committee will be accepting applications for our Fall Color Tree Awards. We will be presenting awards to trees with nice fall color at City Council. In the meantime before the applications go out you can let the Town Arborist know of a tree you would like to nominate for the award.



Join the Atherton Tree Committee!

The Atherton Tree Committee is an independent committee that works in partnership with the town. The committee was formed in 1989 to perpetuate a healthy urban forest. Most recently the committee has been working on updating the municipal tree ordinance. The Atherton Tree Committee is always seeking members to serve on the Committee. Activities of the committee include the annual Arbor Day event, Tree Awards, tree care, workshops, and tree planting. If you love trees, please consider joining our Committee. Meetings are the third Thursday of each month at 4 pm. Anyone interested can contact the Town Arborist Sally Bentz- Dalton (650-752-0526) sbentz@ci.atherton.ca.us.

ART IN ATHERTON... Calling all ATHERTON ARTISTS and lovers of the ARTS! Atherton Arts Foundation (AAF) is for YOU! Lend us your eye, and your talent, let's develop a thriving art community right here in ATHERTON. There are many, many local artists. We're looking to expand our website to include YOU! Please join us at www.athertonarts.org. You may join as an artist or a patron. We also welcome any comments you have regarding the Arts in Atherton ... artists you recommend, large sculptures for the park you'd consider donating, ideas for classes, etc. One of our goals is to meet the needs of the community in regards to art.



Our May 5th exhibit, 'From Vision to Creation,' was attended by many guests. They viewed a variety of art from ten (10) different local artists and enjoyed the music of Frank Conrad Duo during the event. If you missed our spring show, be sure to mark your calendar for our Autumn Art Exhibition, which will be held Friday, September 15th.

If you'd like a copy of our Newsletter, Atherton Arts, there are some extra copies at the library. Be sure to look at the last page, and participate in "Where's the Art in Holbrook-Palmer Park?"

Enjoy the natural 'art' that surrounds us in Atherton as well as Holbrook Palmer Park. See you at the Fall Exhibit!



Thank you for your service!
The Town would like to thank the following
outgoing Committee Members
for their dedicated years of service.

Jim Massey - Audit and Finance Committee
Kenneth Hausman - Audit and Finance Committee
William Hoy - Park and Recreation Committee



Traffic Tips

From Sergeant Kockler

With the summer season quickly approaching, and more people taking to the streets on bicycles, we would like to remind you of the laws which govern the operation of bicycles on Town streets. Please follow the below listed laws to help ensure an enjoyable bicycling experience.

Under California Vehicle Code section 21650.1: "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. If you are riding your bicycle against the flow of traffic, you are more likely to be involved in a vehicle vs. bicycle collision because motorists are not expecting you to be riding the wrong way. Plus, you would most likely be considered "at-fault" in a collision if you were riding against the flow of traffic.

Under California Vehicle Code section 21200(a): "A person riding a bicycle or operating a pedicab upon a highway has all the rights and is subject to all the provisions applicable to the driver of a vehicle by this division, including, but not limited to, provisions concerning driving

under the influence of alcoholic beverages or drugs...except those provisions which by their very nature can have no application."

The above means a bicyclist must operate a bicycle as if he or she were operating a vehicle. A bicyclist must do the following:

- Stop at stop signs and red lights
- Obey right-of-way procedures
- Obey the speed limit
- Ride on the right side of the roadway (with the flow of traffic)
- Use proper hand signals
- Have proper reflective and lighting equipment installed on the bicycle
- Not operate a bicycle while under the influence of drugs or alcohol
- Not operate a bicycle with earphones or earbuds covering both ears
- For those bicyclists under the age of 18, wear a properly fitted and fastened bicycle helmet

And parents, if you take your children out for a bike ride, make sure and set a good example by also following the above rules of the road.

If you have a traffic question you would like answered, send your question to Sgt. Anthony Kockler at 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.

Marsh Road Channel Repair Project Receives “Project Achievement Award”

The Construction Management Association of America (CMAA) awarded the Town of Atherton the 2017 “Project Achievement Award” for the Marsh Road Channel Repair Project.

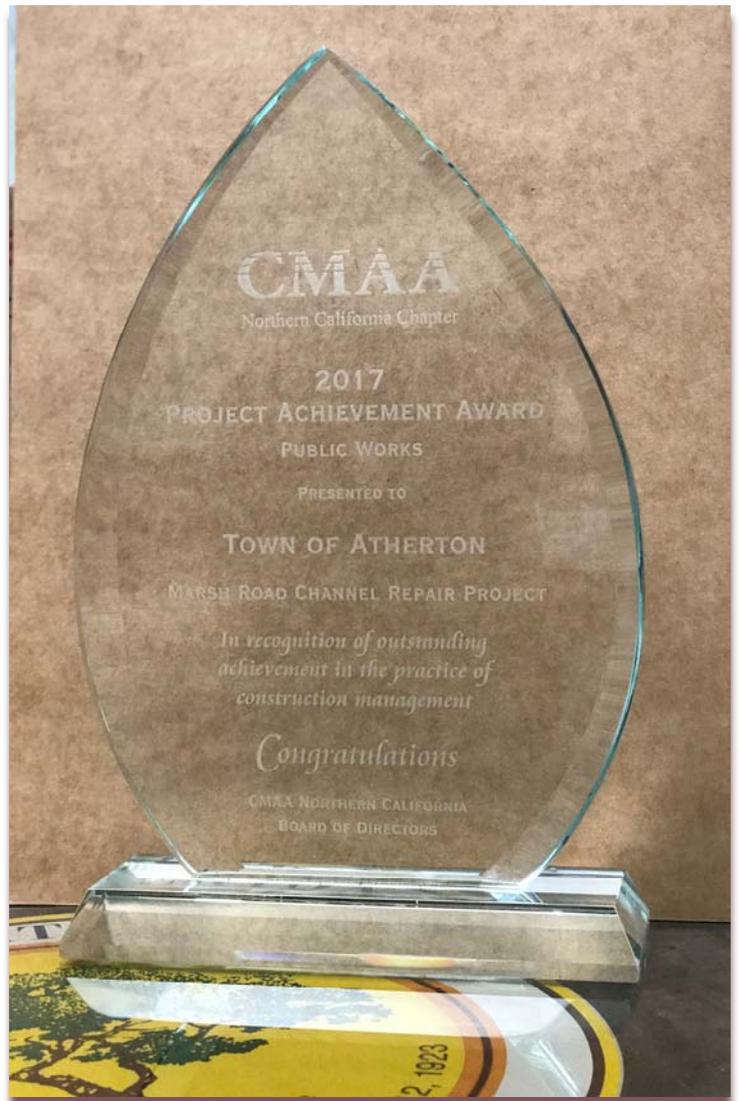
The project started May 15, 2016 and was completed September 7, 2016, just a hair before the projected completion date, and within budget.

The 70+ year-old brick-and-mortar retaining wall supporting Marsh Road (from Middlefield Road to Fair Oaks Avenue) also formed one of the walls of the Atherton Channel. The wall had been caving in on itself and was in desperate need of repair. The Contractor had 94 working days to replace roughly 1,805 feet of existing open channel with a new concrete U-shaped channel. Associated improvements included construction of temporary shoring, temporary cofferdam and bypass piping, providing traffic control and the installation of a traffic rated steel safety railing.

The Town of Atherton contracts with Interwest Consulting Group for Town staffing. Interwest issued a RFP for Design and selected Biggs Cardosa Associates. Nearing the completion of the design, Interwest issued a RFP for Construction Management Services and selected Ghirardelli Associates. Ghirardelli performed a constructability review prior to bidding that resulted in design refinements. The construction contract was awarded to Granite Construction.

During construction, there were scheduled tailgate meetings with the Town, CM and Contractor. The focus of these meetings was on upcoming activities to anticipate and resolve issues. There was a common approach among the team to achieve the schedule.

The project team included Construction Management Firm, Ghirardelli Associates Inc., Architect/Engineer, Biggs Cardosa Associates, Inc., and Builder/ Contractor, Granite Construction. The Town is grateful to all partners for this achievement in the practice of construction management.



Reminders



Trash Cans

The Atherton municipal code requires that trash receptacles be placed at the curb for collection no more than twenty-four hours before and removed no more than twenty-four hours after collection.

Rocks in the Right-of-Way (ROW)

Placing objects in the lot frontage strip directly in front of your property to prevent others from parking there is illegal. Placement of logs or rocks in front of your residence are not permitted by Atherton Municipal Code Section 12.06.100(D), unless they are at least 6 feet back from the edge of pavement. If less than 6 feet back from the edge of the pavement they are subject to removal at the homeowners expense, and the homeowner can be found personally liable for any damages or injuries that might occur from a vehicle driving into these obstructions.

Residents who have placed objects in this area should remove them immediately. Work within the street frontage ROW, everything from landscaping improvements (not maintenance) to construction will trigger Town review via an Encroachment Permit. Please contact the Public Works Department at 650-752-0533 to obtain an Encroachment Permit. Working in the right-of-way without a permit may result in penalty fees.

Construction Hours

Construction, pickup and delivery is not allowed between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m., Monday through Friday. Further, construction, pickup and delivery is not allowed on Saturday, Sunday and any holiday. Hand and power tools are acceptable on Saturdays, Sundays or holidays between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. only when residents are personally undertaking construction activities to maintain or improve their properties.



FAQs

Visit the Town's FAQs webpage at www.ci.atherton.ca.us/FAQS where you can find answer to all of the frequently asked questions pertaining to the Building Department, City Attorney, Park, Human Resources, Planning, Public Works and more. For Code Enforcement questions or concerns please contact Code Enforcement Officer Monica Diaz at 650-752-0553 or mdiaz@ci.atherton.ca.us.

Encroachment Standards at a Glance

...within the first 3 feet from the edge of the roadway:

- no above grade structures are allowed
- no landscaping over 5 inches in height
- no logs, curbs, rocks or similar obstructions

...from 3 feet to 6 feet from the edge of the roadway:

- no above grade structures are allowed
- no landscaping over 3 feet in height
- no logs, curbs, rocks or similar obstructions

...after 6 feet to the property line:

- trees and shrubs are permitted so long as they are not a safety hazard
- keypads and intercoms are permitted
- decorative fencing, pedestals, irrigation and other improvements are permitted

...a visibility triangle is required to be free of obstruction:

the visibility triangle is formed by intersecting the edge of the roadway back 30 feet from the corner to form a triangle. Improvements are limited to 3 feet in height in these areas

...mailboxes are permitted within the right-of-way and closer than 6 feet to the roadway edge if required to meet postal regulations.

These standards are current law and not proposed for change.



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Atherton FUNdamental Programs

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Free Clinic

DATE: May 7th

LOCATION: Holbrook Palmer Park

TIME: 2:00pm - 3:00pm

AGES: Boys and Girls 5 - 14 yrs old

COST: FREE

Summer Camp

DATE: June 19th - 23rd, July 17th - 21st

LOCATION: Holbrook Palmer Park

TIME: 9:00am - 12:00pm

AGES: Boys and Girls 5 - 14 yrs old

COST: \$245

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