



ATHERTONIAN

Quarterly Newsletter for Atherton Residents

Spring 2002

Atherton's Disaster Plan

Have you ever wondered about what the Town's response will be in case of a major disaster or emergency? While we hope such an event will never happen, our Town is fully prepared to respond to any disaster or emergency that may arise. Our Town is part of a larger program in the State of California—the Governor's Office of Emergency Services—that provides us with assistance for emergencies of all sizes.

In the event of a large, area-wide emergency, such as an earthquake, it wouldn't take long before the resources of the Town would be depleted. If that were to ever happen, there is a process in place for Atherton to call upon other police, fire, and medical services from around San Mateo County. If the emergency is more wide-spread, our county can request assistance from other Bay Area counties until we have sufficient resources available to handle the situation.

However, while additional resources can be made available to our community, it will take time to implement the process. Imagine for a moment that a major earthquake has damaged large areas around Atherton. Every surrounding city will be making requests for assistance and eventually, that assistance will arrive.

Therefore, it is very important that families and individuals start now to prepare to take care of themselves for a minimum of 72 hours, preferably one week. Such preparation includes storing enough food, water, and medical supplies to meet the needs of those who live in your home. Having a battery-operated radio will allow you to listen to official emergency broadcast messages on nearly every radio station in the area. Unless

someone is trapped or injured, there is a fire, or the threat of injury is imminent, please avoid using 911. Leave emergency lines open to allow life-threatening cases to receive the priority they deserve.

Topics such as "disaster preparedness", "earthquake preparedness" and "disaster management" can result in scores of web sites of individuals and organizations—both public and private—which have very useful information.

Residents with questions regarding disaster preparedness should contact Sgt. Eric Grimm at 752-0520 or e-mail him at grimm@ci.atherton.ca.us.

With the availability of information on the internet, here are a few websites of official and reliable information to help you and your family prepare for a disaster or emergency.

State of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES)
www.oes.ca.gov

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
www.fema.gov

United States Geological Survey (USGS)
www.usgs.gov

Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG)
www.abag.ca.gov

American Red Cross
www.redcross.org
www.prepare.org



Global Changes in Atherton

Work has begun to replace the streetlight globes throughout the Town. This work is in response to the increasing complaints from residents about light bulbs burning out within weeks of being installed. Upon investigation, it appears that the deterioration of the old globes due to UV degradation, tree branches and vandalism has led to leaks in the globes. Once water enters the inside of the globe, it comes in contact with the hot bulbs, and the light burns out. These globe replacements are being done in phases and replacement should be completed by the end of the calendar year.

Public Works Staff Bill Butler and Eddie Lopez install new light globes in West Atherton.

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Middlefield Road Work Begins

The Town's Public Works Department kicked off Spring with the Middlefield Road rehabilitation project which began April 1st. The prime contractor, El Camino Paving, began its work on the north end of Middlefield Road and will head south thereafter, culminating at the Town limits at Ravenswood Avenue.

The drainage improvements and road resurfacing are scheduled to take until sometime in August to complete. During this time, roadwork will be taking place between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Flagging of traffic will be the main traffic control method used during these hours. This is likely to cause traffic delays at certain times of day, and it is advisable for residents to use other avenues of travel during these hours when possible to avoid such delays.

Approximately half the cost of this much-needed work is being funded by a Federal grant. It is the first such project in the Town in the last 10 years to qualify for such a grant. **Please call our Public Works office at 752-0570 for any questions you may have concerning this project.**

Earth Day Event - Mercury Thermometer Swap

The Town of Atherton and the City of Menlo Park are jointly sponsoring a Mercury Thermometer Exchange on Earth Day, Monday, April 22nd.

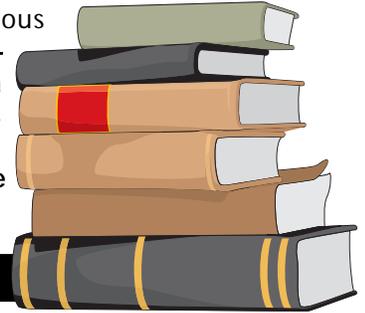
As a participating agency of the San Mateo County Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program, we will be distributing free, "mercury-free" thermometers to residents who bring in their old mercury thermometers for recycling. All thermometers will be disposed of through the County Household Hazardous Waste Program. A significant amount of mercury contamination in the environment comes from consumer items discarded in landfills, or down the drain. Mercury affects the human brain, spinal cord, kidneys and liver. Pregnant women and young children are the most susceptible to mercury poisoning. The most common route of exposure is by eating mercury-contaminated fish. A mercury fever thermometer, like those used in the home, contains enough mercury to potentially contaminate 9,000 cans of tuna fish. **Atherton residents are encouraged to bring their old mercury thermometers to the Burgess Recreation Building, 700 Alma Street in Menlo Park, between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., on Earth Day.**

A Reminder to Dog Walkers

Do you enjoy walking your dog in the Park? Please be reminded that all dogs in Holbrook-Palmer Park must remain on a leash at all times. Also, it is the dog owner's responsibility to remove and immediately dispose of anything left behind by his or her pet in the Park. Pet waste disposal bags are available in a dispenser in the North Meadow of the Park, near the parking lot. (Atherton Municipal Code Section 6.04.060)

The Friends of the Atherton Library Need Your Support

The Friends work together to improve an important community asset that benefits all of Atherton. Membership for 2002 is drastically down from previous years. **For more information on becoming a member of the Friends of the Atherton Library, please contact Diane Crittenden at 325-8328.**

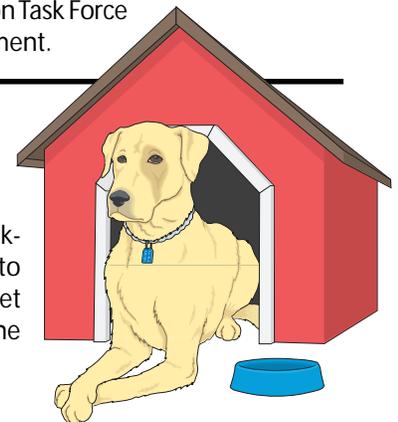


Your Display at Town Hall!

The display case in the lobby of Town Hall is available for community organizations to use to promote a special event or just to exhibit an interesting display. If you or your special interest group has materials suitable for display, please contact Sharon Barker, City Clerk, at 752-0529. Use of the case is on a space-available basis and is limited to those subjects that are of interest to all Atherton residents.

Resident Handbook

The Atherton Resident Handbook is a resource for residents which contains information on public safety, emergency contact phone numbers, and other pertinent Town facts for new and long-time residents alike. The last version was updated in 1997. An updated 2002 version is being prepared and will be mailed to each resident within the next few months. Look for it in your mailbox. The Handbook is the result of a collaboration between the Town's Crime Prevention Task Force and the Atherton Police Department.



TOWN OF ATHERTON

91 Ashfield Road • Atherton, CA 94027

City Council

Meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm
Town Council Chambers • 94 Ashfield Road

Alan B. Carlson, Mayor..... 408-998-4150 (wk)
term expires 11/2002 e-mail: acarlson@ci.atherton.ca.us

James R. Janz, Vice Mayor..... 325-8666 (wk)
term expires 11/2004 e-mail: jjanz@ci.atherton.ca.us

William R. Conwell, Council Member..... 368-0994 (wk)
term expires 11/2002 e-mail: wconwell@ci.atherton.ca.us

Dianne M. Fisher, Council Member 329-8290
term expires 11/2002 e-mail: dfisher@ci.atherton.ca.us

Kathleen McKeithen, Council Member..... 321-3633
term expires 11/2004 e-mail: kmckeithen@ci.atherton.ca.us



Helpful Phone Numbers

(All area codes are 650 unless otherwise noted)

AT&T Broadband Cable856-8181
California Water Service.....367-6800
Pacific Gas & Electric(800)743-5000

County Services

Animal Control.....363-4840
Assessor.....363-4500
Library.....328-2422
Supervisor, Richard Gordon, 3rd Dist.....363-4569
Voter Registration.....312-5222

Menlo Park Fire District

Business/Administration Office.....688-8400
Emergency.....323-2404 or 911

Waste/Recycling

Browning Ferris Industries (BFI) Garbage.....592-2411
Recycling.....637-1411
Fair Oaks Sanitation District.....363-4100
West Bay Sanitation District.....321-0384



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DIRECTORY

Contacts & Telephone Numbers

TOWN SERVICES

Main Number **752-0500**
Fax Number 688-6528
e-mail atherton@ci.atherton.ca.us

Animal Control 363-4840

Building

Mike Hood, Bldg. Official 752-0523
Information/Inspections 752-0560
Daily Inspection Schedule 752-0561

City Attorney

Marc Hynes, City Attorney 967-6941

City Manager

Jim Robinson, City Manager 752-0504
Sharon Barker, City Clerk 752-0529
Linda Kelly,
Assistant to City Manager 752-0546

City Planner

Neal Martin, City Planner 593-1685
Lisa Costa Sanders,
Senior Planner 593-1685

Finance

John Johns, Director 752-0531
Kim Salera, Asst. Director 752-0538
Paula Pierce, Finance Asst. 752-0519

Library

328-2422

Police

Robert Brennan, Chief 752-0506
General Information 688-6500
Emergency 911

Post Office

General Information 752-0500

Public Works

Cliff Temps, Director 752-0532
Steve Tyler, PW Superintendent 752-0541
Information/Permits 752-0570
Jean Cardona,
Park Program Mgr. 752-0534
Kathy Hughes Anderson,
Town Arborist 752-0526



Mondays at the Library Children's Program

May 20th at 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Meet Happy Birds, a performing Parrot Show. Over 25 amazing tricks, including: riding a bike, playing basketball, raising a flag, talking on cue, and much more! For all ages.

Atherton Library
2 Dinkelspiel Station Lane
328-2422.

Sponsored by Friends of the Atherton Library

Summer Children's Programming

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Summer Reading & Listening Club

Children pre-school through 8th grade are invited to register for a Reading Road Trip U.S.A. Registration commences on Monday, June 17. Readers will decide on a reading goal of four or more books, based on their reading ability. For the listeners or non-readers, parents will set a goal of four or more books and read to their child. Those who reach their goal will receive a book and other prizes. The Club ends July 31.

Young Adult Reading Club

Young adults, grades 7 to 12

Registration commences on Monday, June 17. Readers will be required to read six books before July 31 and will receive a book and other prizes.

Reading Patch Club

Children, grades 3 to 8

Club meetings will be held on Fridays at 4 p.m. beginning June 21 through July 26. Meetings will include book-related activities, such as book discussions, read-aloud, games like book bingo, and creative arts and crafts. Participants will be required to read six books.

Book Bingo Club

Children, grades 1 to 8

This fun-filled club will meet on Wednesdays, June 5, 12, 19 and 26 at 4 p.m. The book bingo game is played like regular bingo, only the squares on the cards will have names of books, authors, and book characters. Registration is limited - please sign up early.

Mondays at the Library, 4 p.m.

Will start on Monday, June 17 and run through July 29.

For further information about Mondays at the Library and other special programs, please contact the Children's Librarian, Marcia Elias, at 328-2422, ext. 225 or call the Library at 328-2422, ext. 221.

Summer Storytimes

Itsy-Bitsy Storytime

For infants to 2-year-olds*

Wednesday mornings, June 19 to July 31 at 10:30 a.m.

Pajama Storytime

For children 3 to 6 years*

Tuesday evenings, June 18 to July 30 at 7 p.m.

**These ages are guidelines - all children are welcome.*

The Friends of the Library is also planning exciting adult programs to be announced in the near future!

Atherton Arts Committee Summer 2002 Art Camp

Monday through Friday

Pre-K - 1st Grade: 9:00 a.m. to Noon

2nd Grade – 6th Grade: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

■ **Session 1:** Sculpture in the Park

June 24th – July 5th, \$300

(Class will not meet on July 4th)

■ **Session 2:** Printmaking, Drawing and Music

July 8th – July 19th, \$300

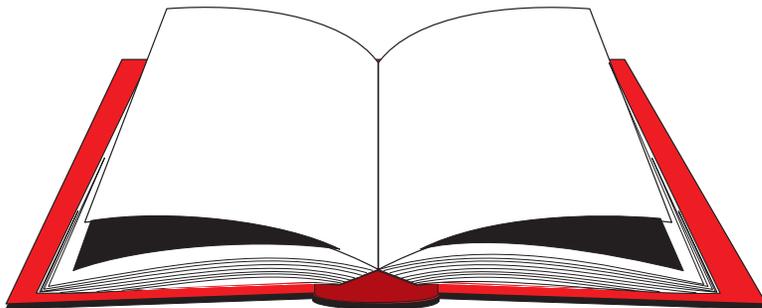
■ **Session 3:** Story Telling

July 22nd – August 2nd, \$300

■ **Session 4:** Science Art

August 5th – August 16th, \$300

A portion of the camp will include outdoor activities, so please equip your children with sunscreen. Snacks and juice will be provided. Contact the Atherton Arts Committee to register, 482-9824, Atherton_art@hotmail.com.



Classes Offered at the Park

Jacki's Aerobic Dance

Tues & Thurs, 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.
Contact: Sharon, 343-5909

Classes begin with a warm-up of light cardiovascular routines, moving to floor work, Vertiform with hand-held weights (optional), heart rate booster, aerobic routines, and end with a cool-down period.



Kinetic Energy Hour

Mon & Wed, 8:30 – 9:45 a.m.
Contact: Kimiko, 326-7182

Low-impact aerobics, Shiatsu (Japanese finger pressure therapy), ballet movement and floor exercise to recreate your body and aid you in the discovery of perfect body alignment, recharge your energy and promote a healthier, more beautiful you! No dance experience required.



Yoga – Morning Stretch

Tuesdays, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Contact: Lynn, 369-5196

Classes include the discipline of Yoga postures and physical exercises which encourage stretch, flexibility, and stamina. The classes incorporate exercises for maintaining optimum back health, and participants are introduced to relaxation and stress management techniques.



Ballet

Mon & Wed, 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.
Tues & Thurs, 4:00 – 6:30 p.m.
Contact: Kimiko, 326-7182

Ballet Mistress Kimiko Sugano, advisory member to the International Ballet Competition, presents the Peninsula's most comprehensive program of ballet instruction for participants 6 years of age and older.

Ladies' Highland Dance – Beginners

Tuesdays, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Contact: Jo, 328-0474

Enjoy this combination of ballet, country dancing, and Scottish highland dancing which combines fun movements with a great way to get exercise. Classes are for women only and drop-ins are welcome to watch the dancers in action. New class starts in September.



International Folk Dancing

Wednesdays, 7:45 – 10:00 p.m.
Contact: Suzanne, 854-3184

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 recommended.



Scandinavian Dance

Fridays – call for current schedule
Contact: James, 323-2256

Enjoy Scandinavian couple turning dances with recorded and live music. Instruction is at the beginner-intermediate level. Bringing a partner is not required. No classes during summer.



Dog Training Classes

Mondays, 6:30 and 7:30 p.m.
Contact: Bari, 851-5500

Offerings include a puppy class featuring obstacles and agility, a beginners' class, and an intermediate class with "canine good citizen" certification and an advanced class (new). Classes are offered quarterly and the minimum dog age is 3 months.



Summer Tennis Camp Tennis Lessons & Tournaments

Call for Information
Contact: Alan Margot, Tennis Pro
752-0540

*View more information at
www.alanmargot-tennis.net*

Enrich your child's summer with Champion Tennis Camp. In addition, individual and group lessons may be scheduled with the Tennis Pro. Tennis keys are available at the Park Office: residents \$150; non-residents \$200.



Skyhawks Sports Programs for Kids

June through August
Contact: (800) 804-3509

Quality instruction for children ages 4 – 14 in soccer and baseball. Participants can learn new skills, and meet new friends for fun and games. View more information at www.skyhawks.com.

Holbrook-Palmer Park Foundation Atherton Dames

*Upcoming events at the
Holbrook-Palmer Park*



Hot Salsa Friday!

*Join us for an evening of Salsa Dancing
Friday, April 19th
Jennings Pavilion*

*Enjoy fabulous food and the festive beat of
Latin music. Get in the mood with
renowned dance instructor*

*Dr. James Kleinrath
6:00 – 10:00 p.m.*

\$50 per person / \$90 per couple



Spring Elegance at the Park

*Join our annual
Spring Fashion Show and Luncheon
Featuring the latest in
European spring fashions
from PRESTIGE,
Town and Country Village*

**Friday, May 3, 2002
11:00 a.m.
Jennings Pavilion**

\$35.00



*Please make checks payable to
HPPF/Atherton Dames
150 Watkins Ave., Atherton CA 94027*

*Call 752-0516 for information or to
reserve by Visa or Mastercard*

Welcome New Town Staff



Javier Andrade, Public Works Maintenance Worker I

In January, Javier Andrade joined the Town as a Public Works Maintenance Worker I. Prior to coming to the Town, Javier worked for a janitorial service, a roofing company and did banquet service work. Javier is married to Rosa Maria and has three children, Javier Jr., 12, Ruby, 7, and Karina, 4. In his free time, he enjoys jogging and attending church. Javier is very happy to be working for the Town and serving the residents.

Esmail "Jerry" Taleghani began in March as the Town's new Associate Engineer. Jerry has over 30 years' experience in civil engineering projects in both the private and public sectors. For the past 15 years, he worked as a project engineer for the U.S. Navy at various Naval Bases in the Bay Area. Jerry has two grown children, Frederick is a registered nurse at Stanford Hospital and Rebecca is working toward her Ph.D. in Middle Eastern Studies. In his spare time, Jerry enjoys gardening, cooking and relaxing with a good book.



*Esmail "Jerry" Taleghani,
Associate Engineer*

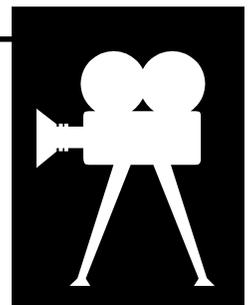


Bruce Potts, Reserve Officer

In December 2001, Bruce Potts started as the newest Reserve Officer with the Police Department. He recently retired from the San Carlos Police Department after 30 years of service, and has received several commendations for his work with the Citizen's Academy, as well as being awarded Officer of the Year by the American Legion in 1996 and by the Elks Club in 2000. Bruce lives in Redwood City and has been married to his wife Ruth for over 30 years. His other part-time avocation is working as a part-time police firearms instructor.

Your Production – On Camera!

All Atherton residents and community groups are able to utilize the equipment and services of the Cable Joint Powers Authority that covers Atherton. Through this service, you can turn your home video footage into a community TV show to be shown on public access Channels 27 and 28.



Learn to operate a professional editing system which allows you to assemble your material in a professional manner (i.e., inserting visuals, adding music, narration and titles). With only 3 to 4 students in the class, the instructor has time to give you personal guidance as you start editing your own show. Attend a free one-hour orientation to learn about this and other production classes and volunteer opportunities at the Media Center. Cameras are available for your checkout when you complete the field production class. Both analog and non-linear edit suites are available for your use. **Call the Media Center at 494-8686 x12 for dates and times of classes and more information.**

City Council Election

The next General Municipal Election of the Town will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2002, at which time voters will elect three members of the City Council.

The filing period for nomination papers and candidate's statements is July 15 through August 9, 2002. A "Candidate's Kit", including nomination papers, candidate's statement forms, and Recipient Committee forms and information will be available from the City Clerk during this period. For more information, call Sharon Barker, City Clerk, 752-0529 or e-mail sbarker@ci.atherton.ca.us.

If you would like to find out if you are registered to vote, visit the San Mateo County Elections website, www.shapethefuture.org or the League of Women Voters website, www.smartvoter.org. Any change in your name, address, or party affiliation will require re-registration. Voter registration cards are available in Atherton at the following locations: Lobby of the Town Administrative Offices, Atherton Library, Menlo College, Menlo School, Menlo-Atherton High School and Sacred Heart School.

Remember, anyone who is eligible to vote may now file permanent absentee (vote by mail) status. You may download an absentee application form from the County website or call the County Elections Department at 312-5222 and a form will be sent to you. You will not need to request an absentee ballot for each election unless you fail to vote in a statewide election.

The last day to register to vote in the November 2002 Election is October 21, 2002.

Menlo College Celebrates 75 Years

Atherton's own Menlo College is celebrating its 75th Anniversary this year! The history of Menlo College dates back to 1915 when it first opened its doors as the William Warren Military Academy, with 12 students and 3 instructors. However, the College officially uses the date 1927, when the junior college was founded. Dr. Lowry Howard became the first President and the name became Menlo School and Junior College. At this time, the institution was all male and remained so until 1972. The campus in 1927 was on 16 acres and had a total enrollment of 120 students.



Much has changed over the last 75 years, but one thing remains the same. Menlo College is still dedicated to offering an outstanding education to its students. Menlo College's small class sizes, averaging 17 students per class, and exceptional teachers who love to teach are at the heart of the Menlo experience.

Today, Dr. James Waddell is beginning his 8th year at the helm of Menlo College. The College shares over 70 acres of prime Atherton property with the School and has a total enrollment of over 670 students. The combination of academic strength and a small, close knit campus forges an intimate educational experience in one of the most vibrant locations in the world.

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Menlo College is proud to be a part of the Town of Atherton and seeks to build stronger ties with the community. Atherton residents are invited to join with the College in celebrating some very special Diamond Jubilee events. Commencement exercises will be held on Saturday, May 4th at 2:00 p.m. on the beautiful Menlo College quad. Carol Bartz, the CEO of AutoDesk, Inc. will be the commencement speaker, and a reception at the home of the President will take place immediately following graduation.

The College will be welcoming alumni and friends to the campus for Homecoming Weekend which is scheduled for October 4th and 5th. The Menlo College Oaks will play Whittier College at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday and, if the last couple of seasons are any indication, this will be a very exciting football game. Menlo College will also host a gala formal dinner dance at the Sheraton Westin Hotel in Palo Alto the same evening. **Please visit the College's website at menlo.edu for additional information on campus events or call Dan Mackeben, Director of Alumni Services at 543-3740.**

Bay Area Bid for 2012 Olympics



As has been widely reported in the news media, the Bay Area is submitting a bid for the 2012 Summer Olympic Games. According to the Bay Area Sports Organizing Committee (BASOC) 78% of the venues needed to host the Games already exist. This is more than any other U.S. Bid City. The BASOC notes that along with the opportunity to host the Games will come the excitement of legacy projects which include: a world-class equestrian facility, an Olympic Village, a sailing center, a whitewater course, a tennis center, a velodrome, a shooting facility and improvements to Stanford Stadium. Interested persons may contact the BASOC for more information. Their website is www.basoc2012.com.

Bay Area Sports Organizing Committee
2479 E. Bayshore Road, Suite 703
Palo Alto, CA 94303

Phone: 650-856-2234
Fax: 650-856-3280
E-mail: info@basoc2012.org

CALENDAR

Call 752-0529 for information on changes and special meetings

April

17	City Council	7:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
24	Planning Commission	6:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
26	Arts Committee	11:00 a.m.	Admin. Offices Mtg. Rm.

May

1	Park & Rec Comm.	6:30 p.m.	H-P Park, Main House
15	City Council	7:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
22	Planning Commission	6:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
24	Arts Committee	11:00 a.m.	Admin. Offices Mtg. Rm.

27, Memorial Day, Town Offices Closed

June

5	Park & Rec Comm.	6:30 p.m.	H-P Park, Main House
19	City Council	7:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
26	Planning Commission	6:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
28	Arts Committee	11:00 a.m.	Admin. Offices Mtg. Rm.

Jazz in the Meadow

The Atherton Arts Committee will present "Jazz in the Meadow" on Sunday, June 2, 2002 in the North Meadow of Holbrook-Palmer Park.

Joining the Arts Committee in presenting this event will be the Holbrook-Palmer Park Foundation and the Atherton Dames.

Over the years, Atherton residents have often expressed an interest in a summer concert in the Park. This family event is designed to appeal to all ages. Featured performers will include the Taylor Eigsti Trio, Sister Swing, and the Menlo School Jazz Band.

For more information, please call the Arts Committee at 482-9824.



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