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We Need You!

The following is a list of scheduled Committee and Commission vacancies for calendar year 2016:

Audit/Finance Committee—2 Year Term

3 Vacancies

Park & Recreation Commission—4 Year Term

3 Vacancies

Planning Commission—4 Year Term

2 Vacancies

Rail Committee—No Expiration

1 Vacancy

Transportation Committee—4 Year Term

4 Vacancies

The Town is now accepting applications until Friday, **April 8, 2016** for the above Committees and Commissions.

To fill out an application you can visit the Towns website at www.atherton.ca.us and click on Town Government – Committees and Commissions. Or you can contact Judi Herren at jherren@ci.atherton.ca.us or 650-752-0500.



Atherton Seniors Aging in Place (ASAP)

Interested in Senior Programs? Watch for a new group popping up in Town called Atherton Seniors Aging in Place or “ASAP” for short. ASAP is aimed at seniors living in Atherton who want to continue to live in Atherton. Local resident Steve Aber is creating ASAP to address the needs and desires of the various potential group participants. Some things that might be of interest include specific “senior focused” programs and meetings.

- Conversations and educational topics about issues related to caregiving, transportation, home security, emergency preparedness, housing, health/wellness and finances
- Special interest clubs - walking, gardening, bridge, book clubs, sports, volunteering, mentoring, and home-tech

Interested? Watch for a kick-off meeting announcement for the early fall. Additional information will be included with the Atherton E-Newsletter and via the Town’s website. To stay in the loop, sign-up with NotifyMe! on the Town’s website at: www.ci.atherton.ca.us/list.aspx. If you, or someone you know is interested in participating in ASAP please e-mail Steve Aber at steve@aberadvisors.com. Steve is an Atherton resident and will be facilitating ASAP. If you have any additional thoughts and suggestions feel free to also email those to him.



Crime Prevention Task Force

General

A principle objective of the Atherton Police Department (APD) is the prevention of crime and general safety of our residents. To accomplish this objective, police must work collaboratively with the community to develop crime prevention strategies that enhance public safety and the quality of life.

Mission

The mission of the Crime Prevention Task Force (CPTF) is to work with the Atherton Police Department to engage other community members to organize neighborhood groups, to improve communications amongst and between neighbors, and to increase awareness of crimes and other matters of public safety in the Town of Atherton.

Goal

To provide for a safer Town by preventing and/or reducing crime through education and awareness efforts and forming community partnerships with neighbors, the CPTF, and the Atherton Police Department.

If you or your neighbors would like to have an Officer conduct a Crime Prevention meeting or other safety topic, please contact Jennifer Frew to make an appointment at 650-752-0503 or via email : jfrew@ci.atherton.ca.us

In order to meet this goal and fulfill the mission of the CPTF, community members and Police Department staff shall administer and/or assist in the development and implementation of crime prevention programs and safety information.

Major Objectives

- Regular neighborhood meetings
- Distribution of the Resident Handbook to new homeowners
- Notification of revisions/updates to Resident Handbook
- National Night Out
- Annual Town Hall meeting to get to know staff and CPTF members
- Annual meeting of all 9 Atherton schools
- Safety news flashes
- Home security/Vacation Home checks/Alarms Directly Connected to APD
- Auto theft/burglary prevention
- Personal safety
- Disaster Preparedness
- Gang Awareness
- Consumer Fraud/Identity Theft
- Senior Safety
- Child Safety/Cyber Security

Atherton Tree Committee Opens 2016 Tree Award Nominations, Plans Arbor Day Ceremonies

Nominations for outstanding trees opened March 1 and will close on April 12, 2016. Awards are given for outstanding specimens and trees that are unique in size, age, species, or historical significance. Awards may also be given for the best preserved tree and the best newly planted tree. The Atherton Tree Committee will announce the awards at the Town Council meeting on April 20, 2016. Nomination forms are available at the Town Administrative Office, 91 Ashfield Road, or online at www.athertontree.org.



Atherton will celebrate Arbor Day in Holbrook-Palmer Park on Saturday, April 9, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. The ceremonies will include a discussion by John McClenahan on tree maintenance, a tree planting by the Tree Committee, and a raffle of tree-related prizes among all attendees.

Atherton is designated a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation. The Atherton Tree Committee is a community based organization dedicated to the appreciation and protection of Atherton's urban forest.

Did you know that Atherton receives many complaints from residents that can easily be solved by basic common courtesy?

Trash Cans

Leaving your trash cans out is a good example. 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

Another example is placing objects in the lot frontage strip directly in front of your property to prevent others from parking there. 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

Additionally, we receive frequent calls about 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.

Animals – On a Leash

Finally, Chapter 6.04 of the Town's Municipal Code prohibits animal owners from allowing their animals off leash on a public street, sidewalk, park, school ground, or any public property. Please be reminded this includes Holbrook-Palmer Park. Keeping your dogs on a leash at all times when visiting Holbrook-Palmer Park or any other public property in Town helps ensure the safety of all pets and park users. The Police Department continues to monitor the Park for dogs off leash and ticket where necessary.



Do you ever wonder where you can find more information about code enforcement? Information about building permit fees? Curious about how many lots are in Town? Who owns and/or maintains the right-of-way? 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.



Helpful Reminders From the Atherton PD



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. Sgt. Kockler will try to answer as many questions as possible. Also, look for more traffic questions and answers in upcoming issues of the Athertonian.

Atherton Channel Next to Marsh Road to be Rebuilt

The section of the Atherton Channel adjacent to Marsh Road has been deteriorating over time and must be repaired. The mortared stone walls will be replaced by stronger, reinforced concrete that has been designed to accommodate the potential of a future cover. Details of the project and a link to some of the FAQs can be found on the project website: www.ci.atherotn.ca.us/marshroad.

Presently, the Town is meeting with stakeholders (County of San Mateo, Menlo Park, Redwood City, Caltrans, Menlo Park Fire District, etc.) to discuss alternatives and options for construction scheduling and detours. The State and Regional Permitting agencies mandate that work in the channel may only be conducted between April and October. Further, the Town's refuse provider conducts annual route audits to help determine refuse rates for the community for the coming year – the audits are conducted in April/May. If the roadway is closed during this period, it could have a significant impact on local resident refuse rates. This further restricts the construction time period for the project. Lastly, when schools end session in June, traffic in this area is lessened. Closing the roadway when schools are in session will have a greater impact. This too will restrict the construction time period for the project. The Town and stakeholders will work to develop a construction timing and schedule in a manner that provides the least amount of impact; however, this may mean that construction will occur at hours outside of the normal construction hours and days in order to meet the mandate finish of October.

Once construction begins, Marsh Road will be subject to closures and one-way traffic. There will be two community-wide outreach meetings in advance of the project start date to discuss detours and other issues related to the project. For more information, visit the Town's project website noted above.





New Civic Center Design Progresses

The Civic Center Advisory Committee (CCAC) continues its work with WRNS Studio architects to refine the exterior look of Atherton's new Civic Center. WRNS Studio architects have been guided to design facilities that reflect the surrounding residential neighborhood while providing facilities that meets the Town's civic needs and community expectations.

The current Schematic Design features generous open spaces anchored by a new mission-style City Hall building, incorporating the Police Department, Planning, Building, Public Works and Administration juxtaposed against the historic Town Hall and connection to a new modern Library building. Although the new City Hall building is designed to look like it has been here for years, it is also designed to meet and possibly exceed the State's mandates for sustainability while still being cost-effective both in construction and operation. The City Council has also included a number of features in the new Library, to include a maker space for hands-on learning and a small café to facilitate community engagement. For more information, visit the Town's Web site: www.ci.atherton.ca.us/civiccenter.

As the Schematic Design phase moves to a close, the focus shifts once again to gather additional public input through a Community Meeting held on March 21 at Holbrook Palmer Park. The Community Meeting featured an unveiling to the public of the Schematic Design drawings for the project.

After the Community Meeting, the CCAC will meet again on April 4 to incorporate any feedback from the Community Meeting to include in the Schematic Design recommendation to the City Council on April 20. Once Schematic Design is accepted, the project will move to the next design phase – Design Development. A typical design development phase takes approximately 5 to 6 months where the architect further develops the site plans, floor plans, ceiling and roof plans, elevations, door and window schedules, finishes, and draft specifications to include interior material samples. Landscape designs will also be reviewed during design development. Some of these items will be the responsibility of the CCAC to review at their regular monthly meetings and others will be internal operations decisions. The length of the design development phase for this project will depend largely on the timing and number of community outreach meetings held to keep the public involved and informed on the project.

Recent fundraising reports indicate that Atherton Now has raised sufficient funds to move the project through the entirety of architectural design. A report on the status of fundraising efforts is included in every City Council regular meeting agenda packet. The most recent Fundraising Report indicates total pledges and cash to date (February 2016) of \$5,272,307. A total of \$2,125,253 is required from donations for the architectural phase of the project. The total architectural costs are \$3,220,080 with the remainder coming from Library Funds (\$837,221) and Building Funds (\$257,606). These details can be found on the project website noted earlier in this article.

If you are interested in the Civic Center Project, please feel free to attend the regular meetings of the CCAC scheduled for the 1st Monday of each month at 4:30 p.m.; visit the project website noted above; or if you just want some answers to a few frequently asked questions, view the project FAQs at www.ci.atherton.ca.us/civiccenterFAQs.





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Greetings From Holbrook-Palmer Park

By: Julie Simonin

Greetings from the beautiful grounds at Holbrook-Palmer Park. 2016 is off to a great start! In January ,the kitchen in Jennings Pavilion underwent a much needed remodel and is now more functional for all our wonderful caterers. The Event Garden is coming along nicely thanks to the generosity of the Friends of Holbrook Palmer Park. Hopefully the weather will cooperate and it will be finished soon. Our calendar for facility rentals is filling up fast with weddings, corporate picnics, birthday parties and many other great events. Remember, Atherton residents get a special rental rate for the venues in the park. If you would like to inquire about hosting an event in Holbrook-Palmer Park please contact Julie Simonin Event Manager jsimonin@ci.atherton.ca.us or 650-752-0534.

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