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Holbrook-Palmer Park *Celebrates* Two New Arrivals

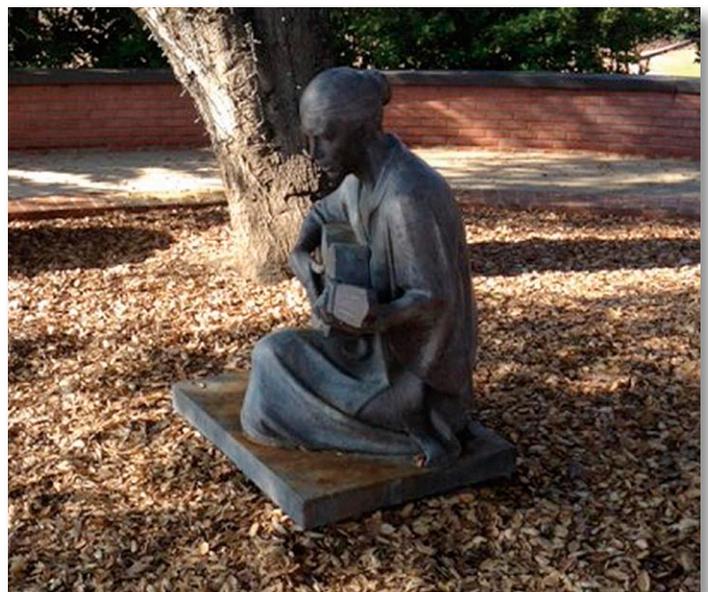
A contribution of two life sized sculptures was made to Holbrook-Palmer Park by Susan Blake of Hillsborough in memory of her late husband Dr. Bertram Rowland. Dr. Rowland helped found numerous biotech companies. He was a well known patent attorney, and an avid art collector. The two pieces being offered are life-size sculptures including a metal and stone horse (“Prometea”) by Bryon Tedrick and a bronze woman with guitar (“la Guitarra”) by Felipe Castaneda. The pieces are exceptional examples of Dr. Rowland’s collection and are well suited to outdoor settings such as Holbrook Palmer Park. Procurement for these pieces was spearheaded by Ted and Betty Ullman of the Atherton Arts committee.

On January 31, the sculptures arrived in the Park. The pieces were moved into place and set up by a contracted art mover in conjunction with the Towns Maintenance contractor, MCE Incorporated. The Atherton Arts Committee and Parks and Recreation Commission did a splendid job clearing the way for this wonderful donation.

Please plan to check out these exquisite pieces of artwork the next time you visit the park. “Prometea” the horse is located on the south side edge of the water tower lawn adjacent and across from Knox Playschool. “la Guitarra” is located on the Jennings Pavilion patio area in the midst of the trio of Oak trees.



Sculpture “Prometea” by Bryon Tedrick



Sculpture “la Guitarra” by Felipe Castaneda

ATHERTON POLICE WELCOMES ITS NEWEST TRAFFIC OFFICER — Abelino “Chris” Vigil

We are pleased to welcome our newest Officer, Chris Vigil to the organization.

Officer Vigil comes to us with a plethora of experience where he was an Officer with Santa Cruz Police Department for 5 years. Chris has also served in the U.S. Armed Forces as a Sergeant in the Army where he received a medal of valor for his actions taken while serving in combat operations.

Officer Vigil's experience in law enforcement includes: Recognition from Mothers Against Drunk Driving (M.A.D.D.) DUI enforcement in 2010, 2011, and 2012; field training officer, peer counselor and member of the departments' honor guard.

During his free time Chris enjoys spending time with his family, playing golf and riding motorcycles.



Jennifer Frew — POLICE DEPARTMENT'S EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR FOR 2012

Congratulations to Jennifer who has won the Employee of the Year for the Police Department.

Jennifer has been with the organization since September of 2000 and wears many hats for the duties she completes on a daily basis. From coordinating the hiring and training of all police department personnel to working as the Chief's Assistant writing staff reports, correspondence as well as Acting Parks Manager, Custodian of Records, Budget Coordinator, IT Liaison, and Training Manager for San Mateo County, she has completed most every task in our organization. From her open door policy with all personnel to her “can do” attitude which includes being contacted at all hours via email or phone, she is an asset to the organization. Her work ethic, tireless dedication and historical knowledge are all attributes that make Jennifer such a valuable employee.



D.A.R.E.

The Atherton Police Department first offered the Drug Abuse Recognition Education (D.A.R.E.) curriculum to Atherton elementary schools in the fall of 1996.

In 2001, Officer Potts was hired to transform the D.A.R.E. program into a comprehensive Officer-led, in-classroom anti-drug, anti-gang, anti-violence education for school children around the world. The D.A.R.E. mission is to provide children with the information and skills they need to live drug and violence-free lives, and to establish positive relationships between law enforcement and students, teachers, parents, and other members of the community. This program has been active since its inception in 1996. Reserve Officer Bruce Potts conducts these sessions, which get rave reviews.

After 12 years and thousands of hours of teaching, conducting Red Ribbon poster contests, ice cream socials, and D.A.R.E. graduations with Officer Potts' wife Ruth completing fantastic power point presentations with photos and memories of each child's experience with the program, Officer Potts has decided to retire from law enforcement and spend more time on his ranch with his family.

We will truly miss Bruce and Ruth Potts and wish to thank them for their endless contributions to the kids who have learned so much from this program.

The Potts have big shoes to fill so finding a replacement to continue on with the program is a task the police department is currently working on filling.



Officer Potts and DARE Group

Atherton's Animal Laws

Holbrook Palmer Park is a favorite destination for Atherton residents and citizens from surrounding communities. It is quite common to find dogs in the Park. Unfortunately, many people let their dogs run off leash. This situation poses a safety hazard for the community, especially when the fields are being used for youth sports.

Dogs must be on leash when they are in the Town's public areas, including Holbrook Palmer Park.

The Police Department will increase enforcement of Atherton's leash law in the coming months.

Here are some other Town ordinances that regulate canines:

- Dogs must be licensed and a tag must be attached to a suitable collar that remains on the dog at all times.
- Not only must dog walkers immediately remove and dispose of dog feces, they must also at all times carry a suitable means of collecting and disposing of those feces when they are in Atherton's parks.
- Residents may only keep three adult dogs on any single parcel.

In addition, there are laws that apply to all animals, including dogs. These ordinances are intended to preserve the public peace:

- Animals cannot act in a manner so as to continuously disturb the peace of any citizen or to be a public nuisance.
- It is unlawful for an animal to howl, bark, meow, squawk, or makes other noises continuously and/or incessantly for a period of five minutes or intermittently for one-half hour.

Adherence to these laws will help all of us enjoy our community and ensure safe visits for everyone who comes to Holbrook Palmer Park.



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2013 Cape Seal Project



In late May/early June, the Town plans to engage a contractor which will be performing street maintenance along various streets in Atherton. The project also includes replacement of all striping, raised pavement markers and other associated pavement markings within the project boundaries.

As the project date gets closer, the Town will post on the Town's website (www.ci.atherton.ca.us) the list of streets and dates of the street's closure. The Town will have our contractor post a 7-day Notice and a 48-hour Notice on residence doors/front gates/mailboxes that are impacted by the project. Also, barricades will be lining the streets with "NO PARKING" signs and explanatory "WORK NOTIFICATION" signs as well.

Please do not attempt to drive through the protected job sites, as the paving material used can damage your vehicles, and you may be liable for damages to the roadway.

The Process

A Cape Seal is a treatment process where a heated polymer modified asphalt emulsion (oil) is applied to a cleaned street and scrubbed in with brooms. A 1/4" aggregate (chip) is immediately applied over the oil and is rolled into place with a rubber tired roller. The excess rock is then swept away. The next process follows a few days later. A micro-surface (oil and sand mixture) is applied over the top of the chips, and once again rolled into place with rubber tired rollers. Upon curing, the result is a street that is impervious to water as well as having about 1/2" of new wearing surface added to the top. This surface will remain flexible for years, and if any cracks work their way up from the sub-base of the road they are filled by the pliable material. Cape Seals last approximately five to ten years depending on the

preventative maintenance treatment and the traffic impact on each street. As a result of diligent efforts such as these Cape Seals, the Town has the highest rated pavement condition index in San Mateo County at 81 out of 100.

The street drainage pattern will not change by this chip seal application; storm-water runoff will continue to flow from the crown of the road to the edge of pavement and from there flow downstream. Where the runoff crosses the roadway by design, the chip seal follows the contours of the existing elevations or a concrete valley gutter will allow the runoff to continue across the roadway. If you have questions which are not answered on the Town's Web site, please contact the Public Works Department.

Community Contest

We Need Your Input

The Athertonian newsletter has been around for over a decade. The City Manager has proposed a name change for the newsletter. Do you have a suggestion for renaming our community newsletter? Submit your thoughts to me by email.

The names will be submitted to Council for final decision. The winner will be recognized at a future Council meeting.

Have an idea or suggestion for the next issue? Submit your ideas to me. We look forward to hearing from you.

All input and suggestions for the information above should be sent to Theresa DellaSanta at tdellasanta@ci.atherton.ca.us

Thank you!



The Town of Atherton No Longer Has a Sharps and Medication Drop Off Box

Visit these other convenient locations:

Willow Clinic

795 Willow Road, Menlo Park
650-599-3890

San Mateo County Sheriff's Office

400 County Center, Redwood City
650-599-1664

San Carlos Police Department

600 Elm Street, San Carlos
650-802-4277

Tennis Keys

\$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

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DIRECTOR OF TENNIS

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Atherton Tree Committee and Volunteers Celebrated California Arbor Week



Pictured L to R: Ted Haynes, Barbara Wright, Rachel Croft, Kevin Kielty, Marlylue Timpson, Denise Kupperman, Diane Crittenden, and Javier Andrade

On Saturday, March 2, 2013, the Atherton Tree Committee and volunteers celebrated California Arbor Week by planting five Deodar Cedars (*Cedrus deodara*) in Holbrook-Palmer Park to improve screening between the park and Watkins Avenue. The trees continue a row of mature Deodar Cedars along the front of the park. The

species is fast growing, long lived, and drought tolerant once established. The Deodar Cedars were recommended by the committee and approved by the Atherton Parks and Recreation Commission.

If you would like more information on the Atherton Tree Committee, please visit their home page at www.athertontree.org

Wheels For Wishes Car Donation Program Benefits Make-A-Wish® Greater Bay Area and You Can Help

Since 1984, the Make-A-Wish® Greater Bay Area has been working hard to make wishes come true for kids in San Francisco. To date, over 5,000 wishes have been granted! This can be made possible when you donate a car using the Wheels For Wishes Car Donation program, benefiting the Make-A-Wish® Greater Bay Area.

Spring & Summer Events at the Atherton Library

CHILDREN'S STORYTIMES

Preschool Storytime

Monday mornings at 11 am
For children ages 3-6.
Going on now, through June 10
On break during the Summer

Toddler Time

Tuesday mornings at 10:30 am
For children ages 18 months to 36 months.
No Storytimes in May, Summer Session begins June 18

Baby Bounce and Rhyme Time

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

Musical Storytime

2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 4 pm
March-April, June-August
March 14 and 28; April 11 and 25;
June 13 and 27
Family storytime for all ages

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Wednesday, March 13 at 4:30 pm – Gustafer Yellowgold

Join us for a special musical concert for the whole family.

Monday, March 18 at 4 pm – Magic Dan

A fantastic magic show for ages 4 and up.

Monday, April 15 at 4 pm – Dog Safety for Kids

Did you ever wonder how to approach a dog that you are meeting for the first time? Come and meet Christi Dunlap, an educator with the Peninsula Humane Society, and her dog Ace. All ages welcome!

Thursday, April 17 at 3:30 pm – Origami Program

Children of all ages can learn how to make an origami cherry blossom tree, for Children's Day. Students from the Menlo School will teach this workshop.

Monday, April 29 at 7 pm –

Western Ballet presents "Coppelia"
Students from Western Ballet will give a mini performance of the classic, Coppelia. For ages 4 and up. Part of "Screen Free/Ditch Your Device Week" special events.

Wednesday, May 1 at 3:30 pm –

Drop in Craft for Screen Free Week
Drop in between 3:30 and 4:30 pm, and make something creative while you "ditch your device" this week. Ages 3 and up.

Monday, May 13 at 4 pm –

Design Your Own Race Car
Christie Inocencio of Christie's Creative Cupboard will lead us in a "design your own race car" workshop for children ages 5 and up. Enrollment is limited, so you MUST sign up in advance. After designing and decorating we will race our cars to see if those flames really do make them drive faster!

Tuesday, June 4 at 10:30 am –

Toddler Dance Party with Charity Kahn
Kick off our Summer Session with some music and movement! For ages 18-36 months.

Tuesday, June 11 at 10 am -

Toddler Chef Program
A special program for our youngest chefs in training. Learn how to make granola and yogurt smoothie parfaits. Sign-ups are required. Space is limited. Presented by Parents Place.

Monday, June 24 at 3 pm –

Busy Bee Dog Show-
Meet some clever, adorable dogs and watch them perform their tricks. All ages.

PAWS FOR TALES -

4th Saturday of each month from 11 am to Noon
Children ages 5 and older can sign up in advance and read to a trained therapy dog.

FINAL FRIDAY FLICKS @ 7:00 pm

Family friendly films are shown the last Friday of each month.
March 29- Pirates
April 26- Chimpanzee
May 31- Wreck it Ralph
June 28- Lady and the Tramp
Refreshments provided by the Friends of the Library. Films subject to change.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL AND BOOK EXCHANGE

Saturday, March 16 and June 22 from 1:00-3:00 PM
Bring a book and take a book, and have some free ice cream in the Library Secret Garden. Bring the whole family!

Summer Reading Program Begins June 1st for children and teens.
The theme is "Reading is Delicious" for children

**** The Mondays at 4:00 PM programs, Final Friday Flicks, 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.**

ADULT PROGRAMS

Saturday, April 13 at 2 pm –

Twitter Class
Learn how to create a Twitter account, start following your favorite people, post your first "tweet," and more.

Thursday, May 2 at 4 pm -

"Media, Technology and Early Childhood Development: What Parents Need to Know (0-5)"
Are you wondering how television, videos, computers and smart phone applications impact your baby, toddler and preschooler? This workshop focuses on how young children are impacted by "screen time" including watching television and videos, playing computer games, and entertaining themselves on your smart phone. You will learn risks of screen exposure, whether educational programs and games truly enhance your child's learning, and how to establish a strong foundation for a healthy media diet as your child matures. Presented by Holly Pedersen, PhD, MFT. Part of "Ditch Your Device Week."

Tuesday, May 7 at 6:30 pm – eBooks/ eAudiobook Drop In Session

Drop in to this informal session with your mobile device, and bring any questions you have about downloading library materials.

COMPUTER COACH

The coach is in! Every Monday from Noon to 1 PM. Sign up in advance for personal one on one computer or Internet instruction.

KNIT TOGETHER

An informal gathering of knitters meets the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month from 2 to 4 PM. Please note there is no instruction at this event. Please bring your own supplies.

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

TOWN OF ATHERTON

2013 Calendar of Regular Meetings

City Council

3rd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
 January 16
 February 20
 March 20
 April 17
 May 15
 June 19
 July 17
 August 21
 September 18
 October 16
 November 20
 December 18

Park & Recreation Commission

1st Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.
 January 2
 February 6
 March 6
 April 3 5:30 p.m.
 May 1
 June 5
 July 3
 August 7
 September 4
 October 2 5:30 p.m.
 November 6
 December 4

Transportation Committee

Every other month
 2nd Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.
 January 8
 March 12
 May 14
 July 9
 September 10
 November 12

Atherton Rail Committee

Every other month
 1st Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.
 February 5
 April 2
 June 4
 August 6
 October 1
 December 3

Environmental Programs Committee

Every other month
 1st Tuesday, 2:00 p.m.
 Administrative Conference Room
 May 7
 July 2
 September 3
 November 5

Planning Commission

4th Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.
 January 23
 February 27
 March 27
 April 24
 May 22
 June 26
 July 24
 August 28
 September 25
 October 23

Arts Committee

4th Tuesday, 1:00 p.m.
 January 22
 February 26
 March 26
 April 23
 May 21
 June 25
 July 23
 August 20
 September 24
 October 22
 November 26

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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