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From the Mayor's Desk

Greetings Residents, Friends, and Families, As the leaves change over to blanket the Village in beautiful hues of color and we inch closer to the end of 2022, I reflect on the past year and want to highlight some accomplishments and events.

Climate Smart Community: After working on the project over 5 years, Altamont has successfully converted our street lights to LED lighting, providing us with both energy efficiency and financial savings. The ability to work with neighboring municipalities, NYPA, and our residents made this project a success!

Orsini Park Sidewalks: A huge Thank You to our own Department of Public Works for the outstanding work redesigning and installing new sidewalks in Orsini Park over the summer. I would like to acknowledge Lucas Oliver (Project Manager), Larry Adams, Tony Diana, and Christopher Casey for their hard work creating a safe and beautiful space for our residents!

Summer Concerts/Events: The Library Summer Concert Series, Movies in the Park, and Food Truck nights in Orsini Park were a huge success! All events were well attended by residents and visitors. A special Thank You to Archivist Dan Barker and ACT for an outstanding first Fall Festival- we look forward to coming again next year!

New Faces: The Village welcomes two new staff members: Stacy Tanner was appointed to the position of Deputy Treasurer and will eventually take over duties from Treasurer Catherine Hasbrouck upon her retirement. Residents may remember Stacy from working in the community at SEFCU- we are excited about having her join our office team! Wayde Bush was recently appointed as a part time water/wastewater operator in the Department of Public Works. A Village resident and past Village Board member, Wayde is no stranger to the Village and we are happy to welcome him onboard!

I look forward to a positive and productive 2023! On behalf of myself and the Village Board, we welcome your input and ask you to reach out with any concerns, questions, or ideas you would like to share with us.
Best, Kerry Dineen, Altamont Mayor



ACT Hosts Altamont WinterFest



Sunday, December 11—SAVE THE DATE!

On Sunday, December 11, Altamont Community Tradition (ACT) will host WinterFest, a COVID-safe hybrid event that will take place in various locations around the Village. We will begin in Orsini Park at 12 Noon, where Santa will arrive to lead the Pet Parade along Village streets and back to Orsini, where he will stay to meet your children. There will be food trucks and various activities hosted by the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and other surprises.

The Masonic Hall will provide a warm-up station with hot drinks and snacks. Visitors can vote for their favorite decorated tree and bid on one of twenty beautiful wreaths in our Silent Wreath Auction. While you peruse the wreaths, your kids can write letters to Santa and post them in a

special mailbox. Next door at St. John's, kids can make ornaments to hang on the Community Tree in Orsini. At 3:30, the Reformed Church will again celebrate the season with their beautiful Living Nativity.

For more information, please visit www.altamontcommunitytradition.org or our Facebook page: facebook.com/AltamontCommunityTradition. You will be able to find more specific information regarding WinterFest activities as the event nears. Altamont businesses are encouraged to participate! Simply email altamontcommunitytradition@yahoo.com and someone from ACT will be in touch to discuss your ideas.

All activities are subject to COVID-19 restrictions in place at the time of the event. Please check the ACT website or Facebook page for up-to-date information.

Altamont Police Department

Chief Jason Johnston and the Altamont Police Department would like to convey our annual reminder to the residents and visitors of the Village that parking is prohibited in most Village parking areas owned and maintained by the Village and on all high-ways within the Village throughout the winter. These restrictions begin on November 1st and continue until May 1st of each year. The only exception is that overnight parking is allowed in the municipal parking lot located behind the Enterprise Printing and Photo business on Maple Avenue.

Next, the police department would like to extend our thanks to our law enforcement partners with the New York State Police for their recent assistance in helping us procure grant funds in order to replace our long outdated in-car computer systems. The new systems have been instrumental in helping us to improve our vehicle and traffic enforcement. This has been invaluable given the apparent increase in moving violations with more people back on the road as they return to work from the COVID 19 pandemic. The increased enforcement, along with our officers' commitment to traffic safety, leads us closer to our ultimate goal—which is safer streets for our residents and visitors.

Finally, the 2022-2023 Holiday Season is approaching quickly. We would like to remind everyone to be safe when operating motor vehicles on our streets. This includes your responsibility to drive sober, without being under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol. If you are drinking and/or doing any type of drugs, do not drive. Take a cab, an Uber or Lyft, or designate a sober driver. Driving under the influence is never worth the risk. Thank you, be safe, and have a happy Holiday Season.



Archives and Museum



Altamont Fall Fun Day - We had a great turnout for the 2022 Altamont Fall Fun Day event on September 24th in Orsini Park. This event morphed out of the Village Archives and Museum's annual Founders' Day event, which was started in 2019. This year we partnered with Altamont Community Tradition (ACT) to create a program that was family friendly while still focusing on all of the wonderful local history that many folks in Altamont take a deep interest in.

People enjoyed a walking tour of the Village conducted by local historian Keith Lee. Altamont Free Library held an unveiling ceremony for the locally created Branching Out Mural. There were also information tables by several of our wonderful local history groups and partners, including

Altamont Free Library, Historic Altamont and Altamont's own Every House Project. Orsini Park was also filled with games and activities for all of the young and growing families in the Village.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who gave their time in planning, organizing & running the event, to our local sponsors for their generosity and to the members of Altamont Community Tradition for making the event happen. We look forward to another fun program next year.

Unidentified House Photographs - The Archives is working on a project to identify and add information to several unknown or unlabeled photographs of homes in and around the Village. If you are working on the history of your house and have photos you would like to donate *or* if you need photos of your home, please contact us. Although we don't have pictures of every house in the Village, we will do our best to accommodate your request.



Appointments Available—The Archives are currently open by appointment. If you would like to use our collection for research purposes, please contact us through the Village of Altamont website at www.altamontvillage.org.



Building/Zoning, Public Works & Stormwater Departments

The **Building Department** would like to remind Village residents and business owners that many common projects do require a building permit. This includes the installation of new windows or exterior doors, additions of any type, garages, fences of any type or height, new roofs, sheds, footers, foundations, woodstoves, gas-fired fireplaces, and supplemental heating of any type. Any types of fuel-fired generators are not allowed in garages or on porches. Before beginning any project, please check with Building, Code & Zoning Inspector Gary Goss by e-mail: Villagebuilding@altamontvillage.org or by calling 518-861-8554 x17.

The **Zoning Department** would like to remind Village residents that per Village Zoning Law, no trailers of any kind may be parked within the front or side yards of your property at any time. However, one boat, utility, or travel trailer may be stored in the **rear yard**, only if it has a current license. Automotive vehicles or trailers of any kind or type without current license plates shall not be parked or stored on any property other than in a completely enclosed building. Motorized Recreational Vehicles, or RV's with current license plates may be stored in the rear yard or in the side yard. Residents that own boats, utility or travel trailers that cannot properly store these items on their property are urged to make proper year-round storage arrangements through one of the many locally available businesses that offer this service. If Village residents have questions about the Village zoning laws that are related to the storage of any of these items, contact Gary Goss as above.

Department of Public Works - Fall and winter months are important times for stormwater management. When placing leaves and yard debris out for pick up, please do not place them on or near catch basins, as they will become clogged and can cause flooding in the nearby properties.

Winter months are also important times to practice good stormwater and property management. Melting snow turns into stormwater runoff. It is not long after the sun comes out and starts melting the snow that concerns emerge. Even a small amount can cause localized flooding on your property, if it builds up over several small storm events without melting in between. When it finally does melt, runoff can lead to potential community-wide flooding events. In both cases, that standing and flowing water on the ground is picking up all kinds of debris, pollutants, and litter that will find its way into nearby streams. Here are some quick tips to help protect your property and nearby streams.



When shoveling/plowing snow this season, pay attention to where you place it. DO:

- Pile snow in locations with the most opportunity to infiltrate into the ground.
- Pile snow in areas where water does not pond.
- Clear away any snow that may have been covering the storm drains.
- Clear your downspouts to allow melting roof snow to flow and not collect at your foundation.

Do NOT:

- Do not pile snow on top of storm drains or near water bodies and wetlands.
- Do not overuse de-icing chemicals and salts, and avoid spreading around sensitive areas like waterways. More salt does not equal more melting snow. Follow product instructions when spreading de-icing material and give it time to work. Sweep up any material remaining after the snow/ice melts to help reduce pollution.

Calendar

<u>OCTOBER 2022</u>		New Year's (observed)	1/2	Water & Sewer Bills Mailed	4/1
Water Rent Bills Due	10/31	Village Board Meeting	1/3	Water Main Flushing Begins	4/1
<u>NOVEMBER 2022</u>		Village Offices Closed:		Village Organizational Mtg,	
Village Board Meeting	11/1	Martin Luther King Day	1/16	Budget Hearing & Board Mtg	4/4
Daylight Savings Time Ends	11/6	<u>FEBRUARY 2023</u>		Village Offices Closed:	
Election Day	11/8	Village Board Meeting	2/7	at noon Good Friday	4/7
Village Offices Closed:		Village Offices Closed:		<u>MAY 2023</u>	
Veterans Day	11/11	President's Day	2/20	Water Restrictions Begin &	5/1
Thanksgiving	11/24 & 11/25	Budget Workshop	2/23	Annual Water Report Released/	
Sewer Rent Bills Due	11/30	<u>MARCH 2023</u>		Winter Parking Regulations End	
<u>DECEMBER 2022</u>		Village Board Meeting	3/7	AES PTA Village Wide	
Village Board Meeting	12/6	Village Budget Workshop	3/9	Garage Sale	5/6
Library Lights Memorial Event	12/9	Daylight Saving Time Begins	3/12	Village Board Meeting	5/2
ACT WinterFest	12/11	Budget Workshop (if needed)	3/16	Village Memorial Day Parade	5/21
Village Offices Closed:		Village Election	3/21	Village Offices Closed:	
Christmas (observed)	12/26	<u>APRIL 2023</u>		Memorial Day	5/29
<u>JANUARY 2023</u>					
