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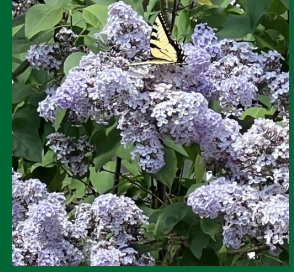
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# Village of Altamont



## From the Mayor's Desk

Friends and Families,

Happy Spring! This is an exciting time of year in the Village, as there are many planned community activities/events for everyone to enjoy. The Memorial Day Parade, Strawberry Social, Concerts in Orsini Park, and summer programs at Bozenkill Park are just a few opportunities highlighted in this newsletter. Mark your calendars so you don't miss out! The best way to stay up to date and informed about all events, alerts, and advisories is to sign up on our website for Village updates and news. Additionally, residents can sign up for NIXLE alerts by texting the word "Altamont" to 888-777 or go to: Nixle Signup.

### **Village Budget Update**

After a public hearing on April 4th, the Village Board of Trustees adopted the budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. The Village Board conducted budget workshops through February and March leading up to the public hearing on April 4th. Each year the Board works with our department heads to build a budget that balances meeting the current needs of our community while also planning for the future. The 2023-2024 budget meets those goals while continuing to remain under the tax cap. The budget process is always open to the public, and we encourage residents to come out to gain an understanding of how public tax dollars are spent.



### **Park Enhancements**

We are happy to announce some park enhancements coming to Bozenkill Park! New swings and a climbing apparatus have been ordered and should be arriving very soon for installation! These new pieces are sure to enhance your visits to the pool and play area and our Bozenkill Summer Camp program.

### **Third Annual Summer Food Truck Series**

The Village will be hosting our third annual Food Truck Summer Series on Monday evenings beginning July 10th in Orsini Park. Multiple food trucks will be available for takeout from 5:00-8:00 p.m. We are excited to welcome Mac Factor, Chick Magnet, Buena Comida, Heisenburgers, the Cookie House, Flaco Taco, Burger 21, and Muddaddy Flats for the season! Hope to

see you there! Food Truck Calendar: July 10, 17, 24, 31, and August 7.

Have a safe and enjoyable Summer! Best, Mayor Dineen

## Altamont Community Tradition (ACT) and Fire Department

**Congratulations** to ACT 2023 Community Grant winners: Altamont PTA and Altamont Fair Historical Committee. Every year ACT awards grants to projects of local non-profit organizations that align with ACT's mission of historic preservation and/or strengthening the Village community through engaging activities. These grants are funded by event revenues, corporate sponsorships and other generous gifts by community residents.

**Strawberry Social:** This free, fun annual event will take place Tuesday, June 20 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Stop by for free strawberry shortcake courtesy of ACT, live music, balloons, face painting and games for kids. We will be collecting donations for the Altamont Food Pantry. Many thanks to Stewarts for their annual support. In case of rain, the event will take place on June 21.

**Other ACT Events:** Sept. 23: Fall Fun Day / December 10: WinterFest

**Fire Department Events:** Movies in Orsini Park—dates to be announced.



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## Summer at Bozenkill Park

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**Bozenkill Summer Camp Program for Kids:** We are excited about our upcoming summer camp program! It will run for 5 one-week sessions from July 10 to August 11, weekdays from 8:30 a.m.-12 noon. Our Camp Director Jami Rubin and her staff will have special weekly activities including swimming, games, sports and arts & crafts. Camp is available for children ages 5-13 (children must have completed kindergarten); cost is \$75 per week. Registration forms are at the Village website and office.

### **Bozenkill Park and Pool:**

- **Park** will officially be open from May 27–October 8. Hours: 12 noon–7 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m.–7 p.m. on weekends. Parking for Village residents is free (no pass required). Non-resident parking is \$10 per visit or \$50 for the season, available at the Park or the Village office.
- **Pool** season runs from Saturday, June 17–Sunday, August 27 and is open to all. Pool hours are 12 noon–7 p.m., except for Tuesdays and Thursdays June 20–August 10, when Water Aerobics classes start at 6 p.m.
- **Swimming** for residents will continue to be \$3 per person; children 5 and under and Village seniors 62+ are free. For non-residents, fees are \$5 per person; \$3 for children 5 and under, and \$3 for seniors 62+. Seasonal Swim Passes are \$40 per person; \$100 for a family of four (\$20 each additional family member). Swimming lessons will be offered starting July 3; cost is \$60 for residents and \$75 for non-residents for 5 private lessons age 3+.
- In addition to our pool, sports courts, trails and playground, we have two pavilions available for rental to the public. Visit the Village website at [Park Rental Forms](#) or contact the Village office for fees and reservation forms.
- **Water Aerobics:** Water aerobics will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays June 20–August 10 from 6–7:00 p.m. Choose either Tuesday or Thursday for the 8 week session. The fee for residents is \$50 and \$60 for non-residents.



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## Archives and Museum

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**Open Saturdays:** The Archives and Museum will have open hours one Saturday a month beginning in September 2023 from 9:00AM - 1:00PM. There is no need to make an appointment. Feel free to drop in and visit us! **Upcoming Saturdays are as follows:** September 16, October 14, November 18 and December 2. **Appointments Available:** The Archives are currently open by appointment. To use our collection for research purposes, please contact us through the Village of Altamont website.

**Photographs Wanted:** The Archives and Museum is always interested in any old photographs of the Village of Altamont, particularly of buildings, businesses, homes or public events. If you have any photographs that you think would be of interest, please let us know.

**American Legion Post 977:** The Village Archives and Museum is looking for information about American Legion Post 977. We are assisting with an upcoming project and are seeking any pictures, documents, news clippings or ephemera about the Altamont American Legion.

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## Village Code Reminders for Residents and Business Owners

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**Home Improvement Projects:** Many common home projects require a building permit. Any new construction or renovation/repair inside or outside the home now requires a permit under the 2020 International Code Council (ICC). This includes the construction of decks, roofs, sheds, fences, replacement windows and the installation of a swimming pool. Before beginning any project, please check with our Building and Code Inspector Gary Goss by calling 518-861-8554 Ext. 17, or by e-mail:

[villagebuilding@altamontvillage.org](mailto:villagebuilding@altamontvillage.org)

**Vehicles (Registered and Unregistered), Campers, RVs & Trailers:** 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 completely enclosed buildings. No trailer may be parked within the front or side yards at any time. However, one boat, utility or one travel trailer may be stored in the rear yard, only if it has a current license.

**Pedestrian Right of Way and Village Parks:** NYS Law requires vehicles to yield the right of way to pedestrians using crosswalks. Please use crosswalks when crossing our busy streets to stay safe and avoid injury. Village Parks have a carry in-carry out policy for trash and a smoke-free policy. Please help create a clean and healthy environment for all.

**Signs and Deliveries:** Each business and organization is allowed to display one sandwich board style sign during their regular operating hours, by permit. The sign may be placed on the sidewalk where it does not impede pedestrian flow, sight line or create other hazards. Please remind delivery drivers to stop & unload only in designated parking areas.



**Buying/Selling Property:** If you are buying or selling a house in Altamont, be sure to have your attorney or real estate agent contact the Village office at 518-861-8554 to request a tax search that includes a final water/sewer reading, sump pump connection check and tax bill.



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## Altamont Free Library Summer Programs

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Happy Springtime, Altamont! The summer is a special time of year for the Altamont Free Library. When the nice weather hits, the library goes from being huddled inside our beautiful but small building to bursting out into the community, with programs sprawling out onto our patios, and into our second home in Orsini Park. We can't wait!

On Tuesday, June 27th we'll kick off one of the most anticipated library programs of the year, the Altamont Free Library Summer Concert Series in Orsini Park! Join your friends and neighbors for a beautiful night of free music out in the park every Tuesday evening through August 8<sup>th</sup>. (We like to get them all in before the excitement of Fair Week.) All concerts begin at 7pm. We're organizing a concert series full of local favorites, and we know you'll love what we're preparing.

In early July, we'll be kicking off our annual Summer Reading Program. The Summer Reading Program is a super fun series of programs and events that encourage kids to keep reading through the summer vacation, to use their creativity and imaginations, and to explore topics they may not have read about before. Our theme this year is "All Together Now," and we'll be doing all sorts of activities that celebrate and help build up our shared community. It's going to be a great time here at the library, so please join us for some summer fun!

One of the fun things we do every year during our Summer Reading Program is that all summer long we'll play host to a stuffed animal friend, who hides in different places throughout the Village every week. If you find it, you can be entered into a raffle to win a very special prize at the end of the summer. Stop into the library or check out our Facebook page for hints and clues as to where you can find it throughout July and August.

Throughout the summer, we'll also host our annual outdoor StoryWalk! If you need to get out of the house with your young folks, and would like to get a bit of reading done at the same time, why not visit it at Schilling Park? Read the fun and colorful children's book *Summer Song* by Kevin Henkes while walking around this lovely little pocket park just off of Maple Avenue! The StoryWalk Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. StoryWalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.

We're also very excited to be opening up our newly built patio under our platform canopy this summer. It's a shady place where you can read a book, meet up with friends, bring a laptop to get some work done, or join one of our Tuesday morning children's storytimes. On Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, we'll hold a ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony as we name the patio in honor of Dick and Ellen Howie, two longstanding pillars of the Altamont community and former library Trustees. Come check it out!

Stay in touch with the library for more details as the summer draws closer. Check out our website, [AltamontFreeLibrary.org](http://AltamontFreeLibrary.org), or like us on Facebook or Instagram for weekly updates on library programs and events. And of course, you can always drop in to check out your next favorite book, movie, CD, or museum pass! It's all happening at your Altamont Free Library! - Joe Burke, Library Director

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## Department of Public Works

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**Water Restrictions:** The Village restricts the use of water from May 15 to September 15 of each year. Hand held watering is permitted from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. daily. The use of lawn sprinklers and sprinkler systems are allowed during the hours of 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. using the odd/even house number system.

**Village Stormwater:** The Village stormwater program is dedicated to protecting our streams and creeks. Our streams and creeks are sources of drinking water and homes to many different species of aquatic life. Excess amounts of nutrients can harm these waterways, especially an abundance of Phosphorus and Nitrogen. These nutrients are found in products used for lawn care, detergents used for washing cars, and animal waste including pets, livestock and wildlife.

We ask our residents to take a few steps in helping reduce these levels of potentially dangerous nutrients:

- If using fertilizers for lawn or other plant care, use products with reduced or "0" Phosphorus.
- Take time to carefully read and follow application directions when applying lawn care products.
- Wash vehicles where soapy water will not go into storm drains. Try to use areas where soapy water is infiltrated into the soil.
- Do not put yard waste on or near catch basins or where rain runoff can carry the waste into catch basins.

To learn more about our stormwater management program, or for questions or concerns, contact us at: [Altamontstormwater@gmail.com](mailto:Altamontstormwater@gmail.com), visit our Facebook page at Village of Altamont Stormwater Education or the [Stormwater](#) page on the Village website under the public works department.

**Dog Strolling:** When enjoying a stroll with your dog, please abide by the Village's pooper scooper law, and discard those baggies at home. There are pet waste disposal stations in Orsini, Schilling, and Bozenkill Parks for emergencies.

**Fall Water Flushing:** Begins October 5 from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday. Have a safe and healthy Spring/Summer!



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## Calendar

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### MAY

Village Offices closed—Memorial Day 5/29

### JUNE

Village Tax Bills Mailed—Due 7/3 6/1

Red Cross Blood Drive –Community Rm 1-5:30 6/2

Village Board Meeting 6/6

Bozenkill Park Pool Opens Noon-7 pm 6/17

Village Offices closed - Juneteenth Observed 6/19

ACT Strawberry Social 6-8pm 6/20

Primary Election Day - CR open 6am-9pm 6/27

AFL Concerts—Tuesdays Orsini Park 7pm 6/27-8/8

### JULY

Village Offices closed - Independence Day 7/4

Bozenkill Summer Camp Program Begins 7/10

Village Board Meeting 7/18

### AUGUST

Village Board Meeting (if needed) 8/1

Altamont Fair 8/15-8/20

### SEPTEMBER

Village Offices Closed - Labor Day 9/4

Village Board Meeting 9/5

### OCTOBER

Village Water & Sewer Bills Mailed 10/1

Village Board Meeting 10/3

Villages Offices Closed - Columbus Day 10/9

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## Altamont Police Department

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Chief Jason Johnston and the members of the Altamont Police Department would like to warn Village residents about the recent increase in reports of attempted and successful scams across the country, the state and right here in Altamont. Victims of these types of crimes can be affected by them for years after they are committed. Recognizing common signs of a scam could help you avoid one.

### Keep the following in mind:

- Take a pause. Scammers create a sense of urgency to prey on victims' emotions and their love for family members.
- Verify any supposed emergency by calling friends and family before sending money. This is especially important if a potential victim has been warned not to do so by the caller.
- If the caller purports to be a bail bondsperson, ask where the relative is being held and contact the facility directly.
- If the caller purports to be a law enforcement officer, get the exact agency name, hang up, and call that department directly.
- Be suspicious of anyone who calls unexpectedly asking to be sent money.
- Never send cash through the mail.
- Never purchase pre-paid debit cards or gift cards for the purpose of transferring money.
- Develop a secret code or "password" with family members that can be used to verify the identity of family members over the phone.
- Ask a question that only the real family member would know the answer to, such as "what was the name of your first pet?"
- Set Facebook and other social media settings to private to limit information available to scammers, such as the names of relatives.

If you find yourself to be the victim of one of these scams report them to the police and to the Federal Trade Commission at <https://reportfraud.ftc.gov/#/>. Thank you and have safe and happy summer!

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## Village Taxes

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Village tax bills will be mailed June 1 and payment is due July 3. Pay in any of the following ways: (1) Mail in your payment with your tax bill to: Village of Altamont, P.O. Box 643, Altamont, NY 12009. (2) Pay by credit card on the Village website at: [Village tax payments](#). (3) Use the Village Drop Box on the right side of the office main door. Or (4) Pay at the Village Office.