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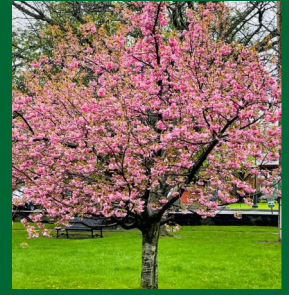
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Village of Altamont



From the Mayor's Desk

Friends and Families, Have you signed up for Village updates and news? Are you receiving NIXLE alerts and advisories? If you answered *No* to either of these questions, you may be missing out on up-to-date information that impacts you as a Village resident or utility customer. It's as easy as can be!

Notify Me

To sign up for Village news, job opportunities, meeting agendas, minutes and newsletters, it's as simple as going to the Village website at altamontvillage.org and clicking on the *Notify Me* tab on the left hand side of the web page. Pick the alerts and information you want emailed to you and click submit. When the areas you selected are updated with new information, you will receive an email alerting you.

NIXLE Program

You can now get Alerts and Advisories from the Village of Altamont via text and/or email.

Altamont is now a part of the NIXLE public communications platform which allows the Village and its departments (Police, Fire, and Public Works) to easily communicate important information to residents.

The easiest way to sign up for NIXLE is by texting the word "ALTAMONT" to 888-777 to receive messages from the Village. Or, text the zip code "12009" to sign up for alerts from Altamont and the Town of Guilderland. Anyone who has previously signed up for NIXLE using the zip code should automatically get added to Village notifications (but it can't hurt to text "ALTAMONT" just to be sure! Additional municipalities and options are available on the NIXLE website (nixle.com).



There are three types of NIXLE messages: Alerts, Advisories, and Community Messages.

- **Alerts** are considered the most urgent messages that require immediate action by residents (wildfires, missing person, gas leaks)
- **Advisories** are important need-to-know information that is less critical (road closures, parking restrictions, water main breaks).
- **Community Messages** are non-critical updates like event reminders.

By default, Alerts and Advisories are sent via text message and via email, whereas Community Messages are only emailed. On the NIXLE website, users can customize which types of messages they want sent to their phone via text message, and customize those settings for each agency they sign up to receive messages from. For example, you could get all messages as texts from Altamont, Alerts and Advisories from Guilderland, and Alerts only from Albany. Or no text messages at all - only email. To sign up, click **Nixle Sign-Up**.

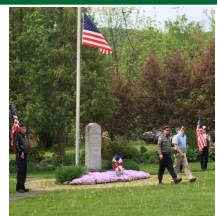
Communication with the Board

The Village has new email addresses online to increase communication with the Board of Trustees. This will allow residents to reach out more directly to the board with ideas, questions, or concerns about the Village.

We are hoping to get as many residents as possible signed up for these services the Village offers. In addition to phone calls and visiting the Village office in person, the Village website, NIXLE, and our newsletters are the official forms of communication for the Village of Altamont. Best, Mayor Dineen

Memorial Day Parade—Sunday, May 23, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

The Altamont Memorial Day Parade will step off from the fairgrounds at 2:00 on May 23, 2021. The parade will follow the traditional parade route: Grand - Main - Lincoln Ave - Western - down Maple to Orsini Park where there will be a short ceremony to honor the Memorial Day Holiday, paying tribute to those who have served and lost their lives for our country. Social distancing and COVID protocols will be a priority. A very special "Thank You" to the volunteer parade committee who have worked for two years to bring back this community event!



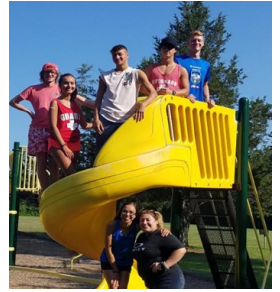
Summer at Bozenkill Park

Bozenkill Summer Recreation Program for Kids: The Village summer camp program will be open this summer and available for children ages 5-14 (Children MUST have completed kindergarten). The program will run between July 12 and August 13 from 8:30-12:00 noon. Registration is available at Village hall. Our counselors are gearing up for fun-filled Pokémon themed activities and look forward to working with your children!

Bozenkill Park Pool: Due to social distancing protocols, public swimming will be reserved for Village residents only this year. Starting at 11:00 a.m. daily, residents may reserve one-hour time slots for the pool. Please have proof of residence available when you come to sign up with the life-guards at the park. Swimming will continue to be \$3 per person; children under 5 and Village seniors are free. Unfortunately, swimming lessons will not be offered this season and there will be no access to public chairs and umbrellas. Please bring your own seating; we apologize for any inconvenience.

Water Aerobics: Water aerobics will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays June 22-August 12 from 6-7:00 p.m. Participants will choose either Tuesday or Thursday for the 8 week session. The fee for residents is \$35 and \$45 for non-residents.

COVID regulations will be in place at Bozenkill Park. Please follow mask & social distancing protocols posted around the park.



Department of Public Works

Water Restrictions: The Village restricts the use of water from May 15th to September 15th 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: Stormwater runoff has emerged as a primary water quality issue. Stormwater does not go into the sewer system. Instead, pollutants can be flushed into our waterways with detrimental effects on the environment and water quality. The stormwater staff would like to remind our residents that in the upcoming months when putting out bags, brush and leaves, please keep them off and away from the catch basins. The debris carries pollutants to our waterways and clogs up the stormwater system, not allowing it to function efficiently.



In addition, we would like to remind our community to continue to utilize the pet waste stations located in our community parks. Pet waste is a big contributor to our stormwater quality and continues to be an issue in communities. Please take responsibility for our pets and community parks by helping keep them clean and our environment safe for all to enjoy.

Fall Leaf Vacuum: Will begin the week of October 12th and continue as needed or until snow arrives.

Fall Water Flushing: Water main flushing will begin on Monday, October 5th. Flushing will occur between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. During the flushing, residents may experience discoloration in their water. Residents should check their water prior to doing laundry.

Thank you all for your continued support. Have a safe and healthy Spring/Summer!

Village Code Reminders for Residents and Business Owners

Home Improvement Projects: Any new construction or renovation/repair inside or outside the home now requires a permit under the new 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 Lance Moore by calling 518-861-8554 Ext. 17, or cell 518-859-4492 or email: villagebuilding@altamontvillage.org.

Unregistered Vehicles, Campers, RVs & Trailers: Unregistered vehicles may only be stored in an enclosed garage, not in the side or back yard. Camping, RV or work-related trailers must be kept in the rear of the owner's property.

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.

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 and unload only in designated parking areas.

Altamont Free Library—3 Great Ways to Check Us Out!

Please Note: *Library news is always changing! New programs are being added to our schedule and new services are becoming available all the time. Please check our website or like us on Facebook for the most up-to-date news and information about what the library is up to throughout the summer!* - Joe Burke, Director

It's been a long tough year for all of us, but as Spring begins its customary slow awakening, and days get longer and warmer, nature is beginning to wake up again after a long winter. So, too, with our little library.

For most of the past year, we've had two only ways of using the library. One is to use our awesome Hoopla and Overdrive services to download ebooks and digital audiobooks to your smart devices from anywhere. That's a pretty great service. The other way has been our Grab & Go service, where you can order books and movies and more, and then pick them up from the library entryway when they are ready for you. That's pretty great too. And now for the first time since November, we've added a third option: You can make an appointment to come in and browse the collection!

Here's how it works: You can call us at (518) 861-7239 to make an appointment to come in and browse the library collection. At first, appointments will be scheduled between noon and 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Visits must be scheduled ahead of time by phone, and walk-ins will not be allowed, even if no other appointments are scheduled at the time. Appointments will be limited to 15 minutes per visit, and to one patron or family (5 people maximum) at a time. Facemasks must be worn covering the mouth and nose throughout your visit even if you've already gotten vaccinated, and all patrons must use hand sanitizer upon entering the building. Computers will not be available to patrons, but the photocopier and fax machine will be available. Please be advised that all toys have been temporarily removed from the children's section, in order to keep the library hygienic and safe for all users and staff.



Curbside Grab & Go remains our primary mode of lending, and when items are requested, we will continue to prefer that method of delivery. Please do not schedule a visit if you are experiencing any COVID symptoms. If you are feeling unwell, or if you are unable to wear a mask for any reason, we will be happy to arrange for curbside delivery.

We look forward to continuing to serve our community in all of the ways that we safely can. We're starting to resume in-person programs, like ukulele meet ups and book clubs. Soon, we'll be starting weekly storytimes in Orsini Park. We thank you for your continued support, patience, and respect for these new rules. On behalf of the staff, we sincerely appreciate it.

So, please come back. We've been staying super busy with Grab & Go appointments, but a library just isn't a library without its community coming and going to give it life and purpose. We'd love to catch up with you and your family very soon.

Archives and Museum

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. Appointments are currently one person at a time. Masks are required at all times while in the Village hall.

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.

Village Taxes

Village tax bills will be mailed on June 1. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, please use a "contact-less" method for paying your Village tax bill:

Mail-in Payments: Mail your payment along with your tax bill stub to the following address: Village of Altamont, P.O. Box 643, Altamont, NY 12009. **Credit Card Payments:** Visit the Village of Altamont website at

www.altamontvillage.org and click on "Online Payments". **Village's Drop Box:** Located on the right hand side of the main door to the Village office. Please put your payment and tax bill stub in an envelope. Your cancelled check will serve as your receipt. If you would like your tax bill stamped "paid", please put your entire Village tax bill in an envelope with your payment. Thank you for your continued understanding.

Calendar

JUNE

Village Board Meeting	6/2
5K Run	6/12
ESYO Concert - Orsini Park 1-5:00	6/13
Village Offices closed - Juneteenth Observed	6/18
ACT Strawberry Social	6/22

JULY

Village Offices closed - Independence Day Obsvd	7/5
Bozenkill Summer Camp Program Begins	7/12
Village Board Meeting	7/21

AUGUST

Village Board Meeting (if needed)	8/4
Altamont Fair (if allowed)	8/17-8/22

SEPTEMBER

Village Board Meeting	9/1
Village Offices Closed - Labor Day Observed	9/6

OCTOBER

Village Board Meeting	10/6
Villages Offices Closed - Columbus Day Obsvd.	10/11

DECEMBER

Victorian Holidays	12/11-12
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Save the Date!

Be sure to save the date for these annual Altamont Community Tradition (ACT) Events:

Strawberry Social: Tuesday, June 22 in Orsini Park.



Victorian Holidays: December 11-12.

Plans for both events will be determined by COVID restrictions.

Website and Contacts

Our Village Website at www.altamontvillage.org is a wealth of information!

- Minutes and Agendas for all Board Meetings: Village, Planning and Zoning
- Videos of Village Board Meetings
- Online Payment Option – for water & sewer rents and Village taxes
- Forms and Documents, Village Contacts, Village E-mails, Village Code and FAQs
- Calendar of all Village Events, NEWS and Announcements
- Justice Court
- Business & Community Directory and Village Newsletters
- Request to Notify Me – of updates to the website & NIXLE Emergency Alerts

This is the only official site associated with the Village of Altamont municipality; no other social media sites are used for official Village news.

Contacts:

Archives and Museum	(518) 861-8554, ext. 14
Building Inspection & Code Enforcement	(518) 861-8554, ext. 17 or (518) 859-4492 (c)
Fire Department	(518) 861-8171
Justice Court	(518) 861-8554, ext. 12
Parks	(518) 861-8554, ext. 13
Police Department	(518) 861-5480
Public Works	(518) 861-8554, ext. 16
Senior Citizens (St. Lucy's Parish Center)	(518) 861-6030
Stormwater Management	(518) 861-6913 or (518) 410-3349
Treasurer	(518) 861-8554, ext. 11
Village Clerk	(518) 861-8554, ext. 10
Office Fax	(518) 861-5379

Address: Village of Altamont, 115 Main Street, PO Box 643, Altamont, NY 12009