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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, Concerts in Orsini Park, and 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](#).

Memorial Day Parade and Community Day - Sunday, May 22 at 2:00

The Altamont Memorial Day Parade will step off from the Fairgrounds at 2:00 p.m. on May 22, 2022. The parade will follow the traditional parade route: Grand - Main - Lincoln Ave - Western - down Maple to Orsini Park. There will be a short ceremony to honor the Memorial Day Holiday, paying tribute to those who lost their lives serving our country. Following the ceremony, the community is invited to gather in Orsini Park for food and beverages provided by Stewarts and the Altamont Fire Department. A very special "Thank You" to members of the volunteer parade committee who have worked very hard organizing this event.

Empire State Youth Orchestra returns to Orsini Park - Tuesday, June 14th at 5:30

Join us on Tuesday, June 14 (Rain Date: Friday, June 17) from 5:30-8:30 p.m. in Orsini Park for a Special Concert presented by the Empire State Youth Orchestra. Student-led groups will be offering a great mix of music as a fundraiser for the Regional Food Bank - not to be missed!

Food Trucks Return to Orsini Park

The Village will be hosting our second annual Food Truck Summer Series on Monday evenings beginning July 11 in Orsini Park. Multiple food trucks will be available for takeout from 5:00-8:00 p.m. We are excited to welcome back Mac Factor, Say Cheez 518, Buena Comida, and 518 Eats, as well as new comers Burger 21 and Smith's Smoke Shack. Hope to see you there! Food Truck Calendar: **July** 11, 18, 25 and **August** 1, 8, 22, 29



Have a fun, safe spring and summer!
Best, Mayor Dineen

Altamont Community Tradition (ACT)



Altamont Community Tradition once again invites Village residents to our annual Strawberry Social on Tuesday, June 21 from 6-8 p.m. (Rain date, June 22). We're looking forward to Gypsy Jazz from Hot Tuesday, thanks to the generosity of the Altamont Free Library. There will be free strawberry shortcakes, courtesy of ACT volunteers, and kids' games.

It's a wonderful way to kick off the summer and meet your neighbors. Contact us by e-mail at altamontcommunitytradition@yahoo.com if you'd like to help out.

Summer at Bozenkill Park



Bozenkill Summer Camp Program for Kids: We are excited to introduce “Bozenkill Beach Party” as this year’s theme for our summer camp program! It will run for 5 one-week sessions from July 11 to August 12, weekdays from 8:30-noon. Our Camp Director Adriene Bush and her staff will have special weekly activities including swimming, games, sports and arts & crafts. Camp is available for children ages 5-14 (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 28 – October 9. Hours: 12 noon-7:00 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 18 – Sunday, August 28 and is open to all. Pool hours are 12 noon-7:00 p.m., except for Tuesdays and Thursdays June 21-August 11, when Water Aerobics classes start at 6:00 p.m.
- **Swimming** for residents will continue to be \$3 per person; children 5 and under and Village seniors 62+ are free. Non-resident 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 5; cost is \$60 for residents and \$75 for non-residents for 5 private lessons.
- 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 21-August 11 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.

Archives and Museum

Founders Day: Altamont Founders Day 2022 will take place on Saturday, September 24 in Orsini Park. This year the Altamont Archives and Museum is partnering with Altamont Community Tradition (ACT) to create a day of family fun in the Village. Participants can take part in a scavenger hunt, local history tour, family activities and more! We hope to see you there!

Train Station Exhibit: This year we celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the Altamont Train Station. The Altamont Archives and Museum partnered with the Altamont Free Library and Altamont historian, Keith Lee, to create an exhibit about the building's history. The exhibit is currently on display at the Altamont Free Library.

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

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 Code Reminders for Residents and Business Owners

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

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 and unload only in designated parking areas.



Altamont Free Library Summer Programs

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 patio, and into our second home in Orsini Park. We can't wait!

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 and to use their creativity and imaginations and to explore topics they may not have read about before. It's going to be a great time here at the library, so please join us for some summer fun!

On Tuesday, July 5, 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 9. (We like to get them all in before the excitement of Fair Week.) All concerts begin at 7 p.m. We're organizing a concert series full of local favorites, and we know you'll love what we're preparing.

This summer, AFL will celebrate the 125th anniversary of the opening of the historic Altamont Train Station, our beloved home since 2012. There will be exhibits, programs for kids and adults, and much more! But we're not only thinking about the past, we're also looking towards the future! Throughout the year, AFL will be crafting a new Long Range Plan, and in order to make sure that we are serving our community in the best ways that we can, we need to hear from you. Over the coming months, we will be putting out an online survey, holding community focus groups, and showing up at community events to ask folks how AFL is doing, how we could be doing better, and what you'd like to see us do more of in the future in order to best serve you, your family, and our community. Please check our website at www.AltamontFreeLibrary.org for more information about how you can get involved, or email me at Director@AltamontFreeLibrary.org.

Stay in touch with the library for more details as summer draws closer. Check out our website, www.AltamontFreeLibrary.org, or like us on Facebook or Instagram for weekly updates on library programs and events. And 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, AFL Director



Department of Public Works

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 potential 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
- Clean up and properly dispose of pet waste
- Do not put yard waste on or near catch basins or where rain runoff can carry the waste into a catch basin

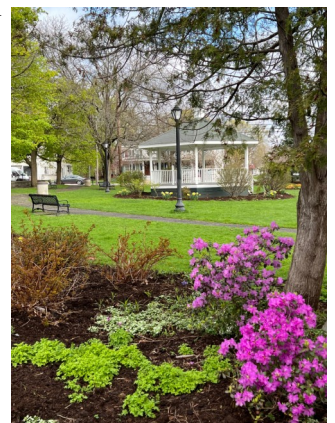
To learn more about our stormwater management program, or for questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us on our community hotline at: Altamontstormwater@gmail.com, visit our Facebook page at Village of Altamont Stormwater Education or the [Stormwater](#) page on the Village website under the 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 Leaf Vacuum: Will begin the week of October 12 and continue as needed or until snow arrives.

Fall Water Flushing: Water main flushing begins on October 5. 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. Check your water prior to doing laundry.

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



Calendar

MAY

Memorial Day Parade 2:00	5/22
Bozenkill Park Officially Opens	5/28
Village Offices closed—Memorial Day	5/30

JUNE

Village Tax Bills Mailed—Due 6/30	6/1
Red Cross Blood Drive –Community Rm 1-6	6/3
Village Board Meeting	6/9
ESYO Concert - Orsini Park 5:30-8:30	6/14
Bozenkill Park Pool Opens Noon-7 pm	6/18
5k Run—7am-noon	6/18
Village Offices closed - Juneteenth Observed	6/20
ACT Strawberry Social 5:00-7:00	6/21
Primary Election — Community Rm	6/28

JULY

Village Offices closed - Independence Day	7/4
AFL Concerts—Tuesdays Orsini Park 7:00	7/5-8/9
Bozenkill Summer Camp Program Begins	7/11
Village Board Meeting	7/19
5k Run—7am-noon	7/23

AUGUST

Village Board Meeting (if needed)	8/2
Altamont Fair	8/16-8/21

SEPTEMBER

Village Offices Closed - Labor Day	9/5
Village Board Meeting	9/6

OCTOBER

Village Water & Sewer Bills Mailed	10/1
Village Board Meeting	10/4
Villages Offices Closed - Columbus Day	10/10

NOVEMBER

Village Board Meeting	11/1
AFD Comedy Night	11/5
General Election	11/8
Village Offices Closed—Veteran's Day	11/11
Villages Offices Closed - Thanksgiving	11/24-25

DECEMBER

Village Board Meeting	12/6
ACT Festival of Lights	12/11
Villages Offices Closed - Christmas	12/26

Altamont Police Department

Chief Jason Johnston and the members of the Altamont Police Department would like to remind residents of a few general safety matters as we usher in the Spring and Summer seasons here in the Village. With the warmer weather there has been a noticeable uptick in vehicular and pedestrian traffic throughout the Village, which is likely to continue to rise with the increased number of events in and around town. With those increases, we would like to remind everyone to drive safely, continue yielding to pedestrians in the crosswalks and adhere to the 30 mile an hour speed limit. Yearly overnight winter parking restrictions have been lifted as of May 1.

Unfortunately, this time of year is traditionally accompanied by an increase in property and nuisance crime, and we would like to remind everyone:

- Don't leave valuables in your vehicle (purses, wallets, computers, jewelry, cellular phones, briefcases, backpacks, etc.)
- Don't leave containers, packages, bags, etc., in plain view in your vehicle
- Secure automatic garage door and gate openers in your vehicles
- Park your vehicles in well-lit areas with high pedestrian activity
- When pumping gas, picking up children, etc., always lock your vehicle doors and keep your windows up; unsecured items can be stolen by thieves watching your actions, then entering your vehicle and stealing items within seconds
- Take your purse, bag, wallet with you and lock your doors, even if the vehicle is in your driveway
- Never leave a vehicle running unattended
- If possible, try and be home for package deliveries or have a trusted family member or neighbor secure packages once delivered
- If you see something suspicious, say something

We hope everyone has a very safe and fun Spring and Summer.

Village Taxes

Village tax bills will be mailed on June 1 and payment is due July 1. You can pay in any of the following ways: (1) Mail in your payment along 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](#). Or (3) Use the Village Drop Box located on the right hand side of the office main door.