



VILLAGE OF ALTAMONT

Fall Newsletter

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Mayors Message

The fall issue of the Village's newsletter highlights new staff, features the Altamont Rescue Squad, and describes initiatives that are underway for Altamont's youth and seniors. Please note the time sensitive calendar information on the last page. Two inserts are included in the newsletter.

One insert provides information on housing weatherization, home repairs, and to those facing possible foreclosure. The Village will sponsor its yearly workshops on Home Energy Assistance Programs (HEAP) in conjunction with the



Maple Avenue has a new tot playground! The new facility is a result of a multi-year effort by many people and organizations, both public and private. The components of the playground were selected after several consultations with parents and board members of the Altamont Cooperative Preschool, and designed to be age-appropriate for ages 5 and under.

The cost of the playground equipment has been supported entirely by private donations.

Altamont Free Library, but the Village trustees wanted to expand efforts to get the word out about these other programs to people in our community. Information on HEAP is available at 756-8650 and on the weatherization program at 765-3539.

The second insert provides information on the upcoming public information session on the development of a Village pedestrian Master plan. The session will be held on October 6, 2008, at 7 PM in the community room. Everyone is invited.

Remember to check the Village website which includes critical information about Village activities, important meetings, and general facts that are of use to residents. Check Guilderland Public Access Channel 17 for viewings of the Altamont Village Board meetings. Feel free to contact me, the staff, or the Village Trustees at the Village Office if you have questions or need information.



New Tot Playground a public – private partnership

Over \$ 17,000 has been raised so far, in amounts ranging from \$ 20 to \$ 5,000, from nearly 100 individuals and families. Additional proceeds from the Barker-Schilling raffle, the Altamont Cooperative Preschool, and from local resident Keith Lee's 60th birthday celebration made the purchase of the equipment possible.

Since the Village Trustees voted in 2003 to keep the area "forever green", the former site of the tennis court on Maple Avenue has gradually been transformed. In 2004, residents began to clear the site, and in 2005, a small front gar-

den was planted, and an iron entrance arch was installed. Planting has been ongoing in the rear flower beds. During 2006/07, Carl Schilling, a local craftsman, and other volunteers donated their labor and talents to design and construct a shelter on the site.

With the dedicated assistance of the Village's DPW staff, the playground site was prepped, extra drainage installed, the equipment placed, the surrounding supports installed, and the wood chips spread. The Village will provide signage, trash receptacles, and other final touches to ensure that our young, future residents can safely enjoy the new playground.



HOLD THE DATE

Victorian Holidays

Wine and Cheese
Party

December 6

Festival of Trees and
Wreaths Light up
the Village

December 7



New Village Staff

The Board of Trustees approved the appointment of two new employees.

Patricia Blackwood, was appointed unanimously as Village Deputy Clerk.

Patricia worked seventeen years as director of human resources and office manager for Logical Net, a local technology company.

Recruitment for the position started in May and drew thirty applicants.

Also welcome to Donald Wright, full time Laborer who joined the Public Works Department on September 2.



Don Wright
DPW Laborer



Patricia Blackwood
Deputy Clerk

From the Clerk's Desk:

Water and Sewer Rent bills will be mailed on October 1st. To avoid penalties, Water Rents are due by October 31st and Sewer Rents are payable by November 30th.

Village Property Taxes not paid by November 1st will be relieved to the Albany County Department of Finance for collection. For information call 447-7082.

Fall Water Main Flushing

The Village Department of Public Works will be conducting aggressive water main flushing beginning on Tuesday, September 30, 2008 and will continue through Friday, October 17, 2008. Flushing will occur Monday through Fridays, weather and conditions permitting between the hours of 8:30 am and 3 pm. During the cycle, you may experience discoloration in the water. Please check your water before doing laundry. For additional information, or if discoloration persists, please notify the Village Offices at 861-8554 Monday through Friday between 9 am and 4 pm.

Fall Yard Waste Collection

Yard waste collection will begin on October 7, 2008 and continue through November 28, 2008. Leaves raked to the edge of lawn adjacent to the pavement will be picked up by a leaf vacuum machine on Tuesdays and Fridays throughout the collection period, weather permitting.

Please do not place leaves on pavement or in ditches as they could inhibit the flow of storm water.

Please do not include bottles, cans, branches, stones, or any foreign refuse in leaf piles as they could be hazardous to the equipment and the workmen.

If you choose to bag your leaves, use biodegradable paper bags which should be closed and sealed. Brush and branches must be no larger than 2" diameter, be bundled in twine, no longer than 4' in length and must be able to be lifted onto truck by one man. Bags and brush collected on Wednesdays during collection period.



The Altamont Rescue Squad was founded in 1937 and is the oldest volunteer Rescue Squad in NYS. ARS serves the village, Guilderland Center and portions of the hilltowns. Services are supplemented by Town of Guilderland Paramedics. The ARS is funded by the Town of Guilderland. To date, the Altamont Rescue Squad

has received over 560 calls this year. Volunteers are always needed, especially to cover mid week evening shifts.

If you think you are interested in joining either as a driver or an Emergency Medical Technician (training is provided), or simply to ride along on calls to assist, and work under the direction of an EMT, please call 861-6715 to find out more, and request an application.

Altamont Rescue Squad

OPEN HOUSE

Join the Rescue Squad at their Open House at the Altamont Rescue Squad Building on Main Street, Saturday, October 18 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

There will be hot dogs, soda and free goodies for the children. Members will conduct demonstrations and provide a free blood pressure clinic.

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others"

Gandhi

Altamont Senior Citizens

The Altamont Seniors get together each Tuesday at St. Lucy's Parish Center to socialize, share a hearty meal and enjoy weekly entertainment and programs offered.

On September 30, the Seniors will be treated to the "Wrinkled Ramblers", performing a wide variety of folk, country, holiday, gospel and travel songs, with Don on the banjo and Penny on the tambourine.

On October 7, Cornell Cooperative

will host a seminar on Senior Nutrition and what nutrients are of most value to a healthy senior lifestyle.

Cornell Cooperative will return on November 18 offering samples of easy, delicious recipes and ideas for Healthy Eating during the Holidays.

Also this fall, Altamont Free Library will offer mid-day movies specials for their enjoyment. All Seniors over 60 years of age are welcome. For more information, call 861--6030.

Jo Ann Mulligan Mayor for a Day

On October 7, Altamont will have a new Mayor, at least for a few hours. 6th grader Jo Ann Mulligan won the distinction by logging in almost 2000 minutes of reading between July 1 and August 13 as part of the Altamont Free Library's Summer Reading Program. Jo Ann clinched her victory logging in 220 minutes of reading on the last day of completion. Attendees at the October Village Board meeting may be seeing the future of local leadership when Jo Ann gavels the meeting to order.



Along with games and swimming, participants in the Summer Recreation Program are treated to hot dogs and ice cream as they celebrate the closing day of camp. 71 children, representing 51 families in and around Altamont, attended the program that also includes sports, special entertainment, arts & crafts as well as safety and educational presentations. Adriene

Benjamin M. Crupe Bozenkill Park Camp Kids Celebrate Closing Day

Bush, Camp Director, a graduate of SUNY and an elementary school teacher, completes her 10th year of employment at Bozenkill, first as a lifeguard/swim instructor and for the past 4 years as Camp Director. Counselors, lifeguards and kids aged 6-12, under her leadership, return year after year to spend five weeks with children aged 6-12. The camp is under permit from Albany County Health Department.



IMPORTANT DATES

September

9/30 – School Property Tax Due

October

10/4-5 – Apple-fest
Altamont Fair Grounds

10/6 – Pedestrian & Bicycle
Master Plan
1st Public Meeting

10/7 – Village Board Meeting

10/13 – Columbus Day – Village
Offices Closed

10/18 – Altamont Rescue Squad
Open House

10/31 – Water Bills Due
Halloween

November

11/4 – Election Day

11/6 – Village Board Meeting

11/11 – Veterans Day – Village
Offices Closed

11/27-28 – Thanksgiving
Village Offices Closed

11/30 – Sewer Bills Due

December

12/2 – Village Board Meeting

12/6 – Victorian Holidays
Wine and Cheese Party

12/7 – Victorian Holidays
Festival of Trees and
Wreaths
Light up the Village

12/24 – Christmas Eve – Village
Offices Close at Noon

12/25 – Christmas – Village
Offices Closed

12/31 – New Years Eve – Village
Offices Close at Noon

January

1/1 – New Years Day – Village
Offices Closed

1/6 – Village Board Meeting

February

2/3 – Village Board Meeting

2/16 – President's Day
Village Offices Closed

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