



## A Sense of Place and Station

The next exhibition in the Village Hall exhibit cases takes place November 20th through January 22nd, 2010. Entitled "A Sense of Place and Station—Selected Altamont Houses" will feature homes built by some of Altamont's most distinguished citizens and lovingly restored for the enjoyment of future generations by current owners. The exhibit of vintage photographs and accompanying materials will be on view weekdays, during regular village business hours.

A focus of the exhibition will be the history and images of the homes scheduled to be open to the public during the Village Stroll on Sunday, December 6th. In particular, the exhibit will depict the home of Hiram Griggs (1836-1912), Altamont's first President, (the title Mayor was not yet in use) who served in that capacity from 1890-1898. The Griggs House, located on Prospect Terrace, was originally built in 1873 and has been restored by Bridget and John Scally, it's current owners.

The exhibit will be open to the public on Sunday, December 6th during the Village Stroll as part of the Victorian Holidays celebratory weekend.



Griggs House  
Picture Restoration by  
Ron Ginsburg

## Victorian Holiday Weekend Celebration

Altamont's 2009 Victorian Holiday Weekend Celebration will be held on Saturday/Sunday December 5-6th.

For the 8th consecutive year, our friends and neighbors in Altamont Community Tradition (ACT) will again sponsor this annual community event, which will have something for everyone. This year the celebra-

tion will feature the very popular Holiday House Tours and Village Stroll on Sunday afternoon, a great way to meet and greet your neighbors!

On Saturday night, there will be a complimentary Wine & Cheese Reception from 7-9 p.m. at the Masonic Hall. Also at the Masonic Hall, the festival of trees will be on display all weekend, as well

as a silent auction of wreaths decorated by your friends and neighbors. Music and caroling is planned throughout the Village, culminating with the lighting of the Village's holiday decorations in Orsini Park on Sunday evening. Further information will be forthcoming as additional events and surprises are planned for that weekend.

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New Senior Citizen Van





## Welcome New Staff

Vaughn Lainhart Nevins, PhD, has volunteered to assist Marjo Dougherty, Consultant to the Archives. Dr. Nevin responded to an article Ms. Dougherty published while researching information on the Altamont High School. Dr. Nevin donated her class ring to the Altamont Archives and Museum. Dr. Nevin authored **"Stephen's World: The Diaries of Stephen Lainhart"** Her skills as a book and genealogy researcher will be an asset to others utilizing the

resources available at the Altamont Archives and Museum.

Dr. Nevin lived in Altamont until she was 17 years old. She graduated from Altamont High School in 1949 as valedictorian of her class, from Union University School of Nursing and later studied at Columbia University where she received her master's degree. Dr. Nevin later received her PhD. in Higher Education Policy from the University of Albany. Now retired, she remains active in church and

community projects and serves on the board of Schenectady County Historical Society.

Dr. Nevin is the granddaughter of Irving and Ada Lainhart who lived on Maple Avenue. Her life long interest in history was inspired by the many family connections in the village and surrounding community. Her family roots trace back to the Lainharts, Beebes, Fredericks, Kaleys, DelaMaters, Swanns, Gages, Bradt and Van Pattens.

## 2009 Mayor For The Day

Abby Forman, a 7th grader at Farnsworth Middle School, was the winner of the Altamont Free Library summer reading program "2009 Mayor for the Day" initiative.

On September 1st, Abby met with Mayor James Gaughan and assisted in opening the September Village Board Meeting. She addressed the Board of Trustees and stated that she truly enjoyed the "Dogs in the Park" exhibition this summer. Other potential initiatives she discussed with the Board included having the Village

website show photographs of homes depicting past and present and she encourage the public to promote Earth Day through the use of sculptures.

The Board presented Abby with a copy of "Secret Lives of the First Ladies" by Cormac O'Brien to commemorate the occasion and Abby's outstanding reading accomplishment. Mayor Gaughan and the Trustees hope to have Abby working with us again in the future.



## Fall Leaf and Brush Pick up

Yard Waste collection begins on Oct 5 and runs through Nov 23. The village will vacuum leaves on Tuesdays and Fridays, weather permitting. If using bags, they must be biodegradable, closed and sealed. Brush and branches, no longer than 2" diameter, must be bundled with twine, a maximum of 4 feet in length and must be able to be lifted to the truck by one man. These items will be collected on Wednesdays.



## Fall Flushing

Aggressive water main flushing started the last week of September and will continue through October 23. Flushing will occur Mondays through Fridays between 8:30 am and 3 pm. During the cycle you may experience discoloration coming from your faucets. Please check your water for discoloration before doing laundry. For additional information, or if discoloration persists, please contact the Village offices at 861-8554.



## Altamont Free Library News

The Altamont Free Library is happy to announce new Sunday hours. In addition to their regular hours (9 am to 8 pm Monday through Thursday, 9 am to 5 pm Friday, and 9 am to Noon on Saturday) they are now open 2 pm to 5 pm on Sundays.

Are you a fan of Ice Hockey? Of Reading? Of Rats? The Library is happy to host Reading with Rowdy from the Albany River Rats on Tuesday, October 27th from 5 pm to 6 pm. Additionally, kids who sign up and read 10 or more books will receive free tickets to a River Rats game.

Persepolis movie and potluck: Eat Iran inspired food and watch this acclaimed animated film about life in Iran in the 1970's. Thursday, October 29th at 6 pm.

For more programs, visit [www.altamontfreelibrary.org](http://www.altamontfreelibrary.org)

## Senior News

The Altamont Seniors will be visiting the Rockwell Museum in Stockbridge, Massachusetts on Tuesday, October 13th. The trip will include a luncheon at Cork 'n Hearth Restaurant in the beautiful Berkshires of Lee, Massachusetts.

On Wednesday, November 18th the



Seniors will travel to Michael's Banquet House in Latham for lunch followed by a wonderful Holiday Show.

Luncheons are held on Tuesdays at Noon at St. Lucy's Parish Center.

For more information on luncheons or trips, call 861-6030.

## Halloween Parade & Party

The Village of Altamont, Altamont Police Department, Altamont Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary will host this years Halloween Parade and Party.

The event will be held on Sunday, October 25th starting at 3 pm in Orsini Park. Children and their parents can then parade down Main Street to the Village Community Room. This provides a great oppor-

tunity for grandparents, family and neighbors to view all the wonderful costumes and take pictures. Children will be treated to cider and donuts, face painting, and a craft project.

Halloween cartoons will be shown in a movie theater atmosphere. Complimentary popcorn will be available. As children leave, each child will receive the safety pack and goodie bag.



## Altamont Fire Department News

The Altamont Fire Department will host it's first annual "Night of Comedy" on Saturday, October 24th in the Altamont Community Room at 115 Main Street. Nationally known comedians Greg Aidala and Moody McCarthy whom have appeared on "Last Comedian Standing" and "Jimmy Kimmel Live" will headline

the show. They promise to provide an evening of unique memorable entertainment. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and the show will start at 8:00 p.m. Tickets for the event are \$20.00 a person and include beer, wine, soda and finger foods are included. Tickets may be purchased in advance by contacting Mark Wertman at 861-

5758 or at the door on the night of the event.



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## Winter Calendar

### October

10/6 Village Board Meeting  
10/12 Columbus Day  
Village Office Closed  
10/13 Senior Trip  
Stockbridge, MA  
10/24 Night of Comedy  
Altamont Fire Department  
10/25 Halloween Parade  
3 pm Orsini Park

### November

11/1 Last day to pay Village  
Property Tax  
11/2 Water Bills Due  
11/1 Daylight Saving Time ends  
11/3 Election Day  
11/4 Village Board Meeting  
11/11 Veteran's Day  
Village Office Closed  
11/18 Senior Trip  
Latham, NY

11/26 & 11/27 Thanksgiving  
Village Office Closed

### December

12/1 Village Board Meeting  
12/2 Sewer Bills Due  
12/5 ACT Victorian Holidays  
Wine & Cheese Reception  
12/6 ACT Holidays  
House Tours  
12/20 VFW Children's  
Holiday Party  
12/24 Christmas Eve  
Village Office Closes at  
noon  
12/25 Christmas Day  
Village Office Closed  
12/31 New Years Eve  
Village Office Closes at  
Noon



### January

1/1 New Years Day  
Village Office Closed  
1/5 Village Board Meeting

### February

2/2 Village Board Meeting  
2/15 President's Day  
Village Office Closed