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Village of Altamont Fall 2010 Newsletter

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Historical Markers around the Village

Located on Western
Avenue (Route 397)

"John Groot, a patriot, is credited with helping to banish the Tories who actively opposed the Colonist cause."

"On June 14, 1781, John Groot, appeared before the Albany County Board of Conspiracies with one Edward McGurkey. McGurkey, Groot informed the board, had tried to enlist him in the service of the King of Great Britain."

Excerpt from booklet 'Town of Guilderland Historical Markers 1994' by Alice Begley

News from the Archives: Village Residents Volunteer

The Archives and Museum staff and volunteers have been busy during the summer months. Volunteer Keith Lee curated the summer exhibition: Places for the People: Altamont's Five Parks for the Hallway Gallery in the Village Hall. There are still a few weeks left to see this interesting and informative exhibition, beautifully enriched with images by photographer Ron Ginsburg, who is also a volunteer in the archives. We are now in the planning stages for the Winter exhibition which will be a very special one and will be open during the holiday season.

Research is continuing on the material we already have in the archives and we are seeking more family history information. Please be sure your family is represented in our archives. Volunteer Joan Kappel is in charge of the Family History information and welcomes information such as biographical data, family obituaries, etc.

Volunteers completed Part I of a training session supported by a grant received

from the NYS Education Department for the processing of archival materials. The session was given by James Corsaro of the NYS Archives. The Part II session will be held this fall. In August, volunteer assistant Ron Ginsburg and archives curator Marijo Dougherty attended an all day CONTENTdm Compound Object training session on the Digitalization of Collections. We are eager to begin creating a searchable database for selected aspects of the collections and we are seeking an experienced data entry person who might volunteer to assist. The CONTENTdm software comes courtesy of a grant received from the Capital District Library Council (CDLC) by the archives and the Altamont Free Library.

Outreach has been made to the UAlbany History Department and we are hopeful of establishing a research program for graduate students who might be interested in aspects of the collection. The History of the Pharmacy in Altamont with emphasis

on Stephen A. Venear and the material in our archives donated by his family would be one area. Earliest Settlers and the Crounse Family Archives is another area for an interesting graduate research project. A working knowledge of the German language and 19th century German migration would be helpful.

We continue to collaborate with the Altamont Free Library by installing exhibit material in the Library exhibit case. Our recent installation of material from the Altamont Fire Department archival material will be followed by a December exhibit on The Houses of Altamont..

For additional information please contact Marijo Dougherty, Archives Curator, at 861-8125.



Altamont Hose Company
Helmet

Night of Comedy

The Altamont Fire Department will host its second 'Night of Comedy' on Saturday, October 23rd in the Community Room at 115 Main Street. For the second straight year, Greg Aidala and his company, Radial Gage Entertainment, has put together a comedy fundraiser for the fire department.

The show will be hosted by Greg Aidala, who was

voted "Best Local Comedian" in Albany in 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010. The evening will also feature national comedian, Clayton Fletcher, who has appeared on HBO's "Sex and the City" and MTV. This program is intended for adults.

Doors will open at 7:00 pm and the show will start at 8:00 pm. Tickets for the event are \$ 25.00 a

person, which includes beer, wine, soda and finger foods. Tables of ten may be reserved in advance if accompanied by payment in full.

Tickets may be purchased in advance by contacting Mark Wertman at 861-5758, Kelly Best at the Village Hall at 861-8554 ext 10 or the Altamont Fire Department at 861-8171 on Monday nights.



Greg Aidala



Clayton Fletcher

Altamont Seniors Luncheon

Every Tuesday

Noon

St. Lucy's Parish Center

Senior News

The Altamont Seniors fall foliage trip is headed for Round Top, New York in the Catskills on October 7th. The trip will include a stop in East Durham at the "Guaranteed Irish" shop. The group will enjoy lunch at the Glen Falls House. Following lunch the Seniors will enjoy tour of the area including a five state panoramic view of the White Mountains of New Hampshire, the Green Mountains of Vermont, the Berkshire

Mountains of Massachusetts, the Helderberg Mountains of New York, and the Connecticut Valley.

On November 17, the Seniors will travel to the Garden Hilton in Troy for a holiday luncheon and Christmas show.



Altamont Seniors September 2010

Fall Leaf and Brush Pick Up

Yard Waste collection begins on October 5 and runs through November 26. 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.



Main Street
Fall 2009

Fall Flushing

Water main flushing begins 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

Story times

Join us for story times Tuesday and Wednesdays at 10:30 every week. Wednesday's session features shorter stories and more motion, while Tuesday's story times involve longer stories and a more elaborate craft.

Author Visit

Dr. Larry Malerba, Altamont resident, physician and author

of *Green Medicine: Challenging the Assumptions of Conventional Health Care* will be at the Library Thursday, October 21st to discuss his book.

Gingerbread Houses

The tradition continues! Join the Library on Friday, December 3rd at 4:30 pm for a gingerbread house decorating bonanza. This is a registered program.

Save the Date

The 2011 'I Love My Library' Gala and Auction is scheduled for Saturday, February 12th.



*"I go into
my library
and all
history
unrolls
before me"*

Alexander
Smith

Annual Halloween Party

The Annual Halloween Party will be held on Sunday, October 31 with the members of Altamont Fire Department leading the annual parade from Orsini Park to the Village Community Room. The Parade will step off promptly at 1 pm.

Village of Altamont office staff, members of the Altamont Fire

Department Ladies Auxiliary and other volunteers will oversee organized games including Halloween Bingo, Monster Mansion Escape and The Spooky Walk. Children will have the chance to create a Halloween Card for their parents or grandparents. Face painting will be offered again this year. Cider and donuts



will be served. The party will end at 4 pm with the distribution of treat bags and safety kits.

Village of ALTAMONT

Be sure to check out the new Village website. The homepage makes navigation quick and easy.

What is new?

Residents can now access all of the Village of Altamont Codes and Regulations online.

Make timely connection with the Village Board and various departments through our new contact page.

Find out what's happening this and every weekend in Altamont by checking out the Community Calendar page.

New Website

Archived materials include Village Board minutes, past newsletter, Mayor's Notes and Village History articles.

The Board invites comments and suggestions as to what residents would like to see on the website. Pictures are always welcome.



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Fall - Winter 2010 Calendar

October

10/5 Village Board Meeting
10/7 Senior Citizen Trip
Round Top, NY
10/11 Columbus Day,
Office Closed
10/23 Night of Comedy
Altamont Fire
Department
10/31 Halloween Party
Community Room

November

11/1 Last Day to pay Village
Taxes
11/1 Water Rents due
11/2 Election Day
11/3 Village Board Meeting
11/7 Daylight savings time
ends

11/11

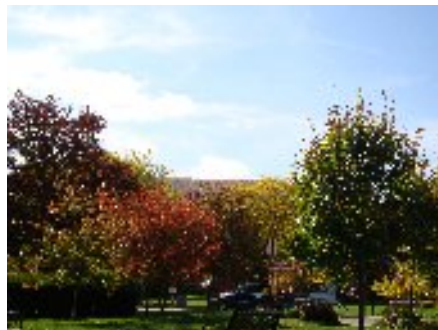
Veteran's Day
Office Closed

11/17

Senior Citizen Trip
Troy, NY

11/25 & 26

Thanksgiving Holiday
Office Closed



Fall foliage in Orsini Park and
the Helderberg Mountains.

December

12/1 Sewer Rents due
12/4 & 5 Victorian Holidays
Celebration
12/7 Village Board Meeting
12/24 Christmas Eve
Village Office Closed
12/31 New Years Eve
Village Office Closed

January

1/4 Village Board Meeting

February

2/1 Village Board Meeting
2/12 Library "I Love My
Library Gala"
Community Room