

Village of Altamont

Winter Newsletter



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Mayor's Message

Altamont's Board of Trustees recently decided that they would distribute a periodic newsletter in order to explore another avenue to get information to Altamont residents. This is the first issue. I hope you find it helpful, particularly the time sensitive information about public works and the summer park program. In this issue, a Village brochure with other Village specific information is included.

In addition, the Village regularly updates its website which includes critical information about Village activities, important meetings, and general facts that may be of use to residents. For example, the police department recently added suggestions about public safety and links to websites that may be helpful for parents. The Village Board meetings are taped and broadcast on the Guilderland Public Access Channel 17 for members of the public who cannot attend regular Board meetings. The Board of Trustees provides fact sheets and updates on matters of interest from time to time and I provide information to the public in the Mayor's Notes feature of the Altamont Enterprise. We are pleased to add the newsletter to the communication outreach initiatives already in place.

Mayor James M. Gaughan

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Public Works

Spring Clean-up

Winter may still be here but spring is just around the corner. Spring brush and leaf collection will start on April 7, 2008 and continue through May 23, 2008. Leaves must be in biodegradable paper bags. All bags must be closed and sealed. Brush and branches no larger than 2" diameter, must be bundled with twine, a maximum of 4 feet in length and must be able to be lifted onto the truck by one man. Collection will be on Tuesdays and Fridays through the collection period, weather and conditions permitting.

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

Do not include bottles, cans, branches, stones, or any foreign refuse in bags as they could be hazardous to the equipment and the workmen.

Water Main Flushing

The Village Department of Public Works will be initiating an Aggressive Water Main Flushing sequence beginning on Tuesday, April 8th 2008 and continuing for approximately three weeks.

During this cycle you may experience discoloration coming from your faucets. Please check your water for discoloration before doing any laundry.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Thank you for your continued patience and understanding.

Water and Sewer Rents

Water and Sewer Rents will be mailed on April 1. Water payment is due by April 30. Sewer payment is due by June 1. A 10 % penalty must accompany any late payment. Please contact the Village Office with any owner/address change to ensure proper delivery.

Village History

1750 Construction of old Schoharie Road from Albany to Schoharie on part of what is now Main Street

1780 Approximate date Wayside Inn built by Jurie (Geo.) Severson at foot of Helderberg Avenue. Structure existed for the next 165 years

Three farms were built within Village; One on what is now Maple Avenue Extension, one on Western Avenue (Currently Center for the Disabled Home) and one on Brandle Road (Severson Historical Marker)

1800 Benjamin Knowler built his home just east of the current Village of Altamont

1820 Dr. James L. Low was first doctor to arrive in the area

What's doing at your Library?

Have you visited your public library lately? Using your local Library is great for your wallet, good for the environment, amazing for your mind, and connects you with your community. Check out altamontfreelibrary.org for upcoming programs and to request books online. Questions? Call 861-7239.

Altamont Seniors News

On Tuesday, March 25, the Seniors will be treated to a special performance by Donald "Soul Man" Hyman, a teacher, actor and deacon who is very active in the Capital Region theatre & music scene. The "Soul Man" has won numerous awards and generously volunteers for veterans and senior citizens groups. He will be performing oldies but goodies as well as songs from the legends of soul.

On Tuesday, May 20, the Seniors are planning their first bus trip of the season to Otesaga Resort Hotel in Cooperstown. For additional information, please call 861-6030

Summer Employment Opportunities

The Village will be accepting applications for summer employment at Bozenkill Park. The positions available include Lifeguards, Booth Attendants, Camp Counselors and general park staff. Call Village Office 861-8554 for more information.

June Newsletter

- Bozenkill Summer Park Programs
- Property Tax Information
- Farmer's Market Schedule
- Summer Safety Tips

Annual Green and Clean

Save the Date. Altamont Community Tradition will sponsor its annual Green and Clean on April 26. For additional information, or to sign up to help, please call Ted Neuman at 861-7148.

Altamont Museum

The Altamont Museum is located in the Village Hall. Available at the Museum is a collection of microfilm from the Altamont Enterprise for the years 1884 to 1923. A microfilm reader/printer is available for viewing and copying articles from the newspaper. The microfilm collection was made possible through the generous donations of Jim Gardner and the Altamont Masonic Lodge. The Museum is open Wednesdays 10 am to 2 pm.



Altamont Railroad Station

Altamont Volunteer Fire Department Annual Ball

The Annual Firemen's Ball will be held Saturday, April 5, 2008. Rid yourself of cabin fever by climbing aboard Blackbeard's Pirate Ship and join the firemen for dinner and dancing. Information regarding reservations will be mailed in March.

The cost per couple is \$ 40.00 and for an individual is \$ 20.00. This includes soda, beer, wine, buffet dinner and dancing throughout the night. Doors open at 5:30 pm. For more information, please call 859-7525 or 861-5758.

The AFD will also sponsor Giffy's Chicken BBQ on Friday, April 18 from 4 to 7 pm. For more information, call 861-8171.

IMPORTANT DATES

3/9	Daylight Savings Time Begins	4/18	AFD Giffy Chicken BBQ
3/11	Board Meeting	4/26	ACT Annual Green & Clean
3/15	St. Lucy's Irish Pub Night	5/1	Water Restrictions begin
3/18	Budget Hearing	5/1	Winter Parking Restrictions end
		5/1	Annual Water Report
4/1	Board Meeting	5/3	PTA Village Wide Garage Sale
4/1	Village Organizational Meeting	5/10	Loyalty Day
4/1	Water and Sewer Rents	5/18	Memorial Day Parade
4/5	Annual Fireman's Ball	6/1	Village Property Tax
4/7	Spring Brush and Leaf pick-up	6/1	Village Newsletter
4/8	Spring Water Main Flushing	6/1	Registration for Bozenkill Summer Park Programs
TBA	APD Safety Awareness Day		

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