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Village of Altamont Newsletter

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Archives and Museum News



ca. 1945
Altamont Enterprise

The Open House in the Archives and Museum in the Village Hall on Sunday, January 31st was so well attended it was repeated again on Saturday, February 6th. Village residents and visitors were able to view the new installation within the archives itself as well as a new exhibition in the hallway exhibit cases.

The well researched installation within the archives facility depicting historic material about village history, provoked many lively discussions among the approximately 80 attendees. A highlight of the instal-

lation is the 2' x 6' photographic mural showing a ca. 1908 hillside view of the village. Visitors enjoyed attempting to locate the site of their homes as well as those of earlier inhabitants.

This installation is planned to allow self-directed viewing and study of the material for visitors to the archives when the archive is open to the public. The archive's stored materials are undergoing examination by profession-

als in the field on preservation and restoration methods, with the assistance of a retired NYS Archivist, and is only open for study by appointment at this time.

In the hallway exhibit cases a series of vintage photographs of Altamont houses is on view along with informative text labels. This exhibition will remain on view until late spring and is open to the public during regular village office hours.



104 Euclid Avenue

2010

U.S. Census Update

The Village of Altamont has partnered with U.S. Census Bureau to host a "Be Counted" site. A "Be Counted" site is a place for people to pick up a blank questionnaire. These questionnaires are intended for people who: didn't receive a questionnaire at home; believe they weren't counted in the questionnaire that was filled out for their home; or were not

living in conventional housing on Census day. Although the questionnaire is to be delivered to your post office box, if you do not receive a questionnaire from U. S. Census by mid-March, please visit the Village Hall. Questionnaires should be mailed back to U.S. Census by April 1, 2010.

The Village Population

458 inhabitants over
21 yrs of age

202 inhabitants under
21 yrs of age

Welcome New Board Members



The Village Board appointed Mr. James Greene to the Village Planning Board. Mr. Greene will fill the position recently held by Ms. Melanie Jakway. Mr. Greene lives on Main Street and is active in local youth groups. The Village Board accepted Ms. Jakway's resignation with regrets and thanked her for all her service and dedication to the Planning Board. Mr. Kevin Clancy was appointed as an alternate

member of the Village Planning Board. As an alternate, Mr. Clancy would fill in at meetings when one of the Planning Board members is absent. Mr. Clancy lives in Indian Maiden Pass and works in real estate. Ernest Cupernall was appointed as an alternate to the Village Zoning Board of Appeals and will also fill in when a

Zoning Board member is absent. Mr. Cupernall lives on Maple Avenue Extension, is employed with New York State, and teaches youth hockey. Residents serve on these boards without compensation and must complete 4 hours training each year. The Village Board greatly appreciates the willingness of its citizens to commit to serve on these boards.

Altamont Free Library News

Check out the new

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(Village Laws,
Building and
Zoning Codes)

Now online at

altamontvillage.org

The Third Annual **I Love My Library Dinner and Auction** is Saturday, March 6th at 5:30 pm in the Community Room located at 115 Main Street. The Library would like to thank all our donors for their tremendous support.

Computer Classes for Adults resume on March 11th after their winter hiatus. Classes run for 5 weeks and meet Thursday

mornings at 10:30 am.

Celebrate Mothers Day at the Library. Kids are invited to join their mothers and grandmothers at the Library Sunday, May 9th at 3:00 pm. for high tea. Kids will provide service and entertainment. For more information, or to sign up, call the Library.

Babysitting Classes are back. The Guilderland

Police Department will be back in June to teach their ever popular babysitting classes. Kids 10 and up are invited to attend. Call the Library for all the details.

Annual Chicken BBQ will be held Friday, June 18th in Orsini Park.

For information on any of these programs, call 861-7239.



Summer Employment Opportunities

The Village of Altamont is accepting applications for summer employment at Bozenkill Park. The positions available include Lifeguards, Booth Attendants, and Camp Counselors. Call the Village Offices at 861-8554.

Water & Sewer Bills

The water and sewer bills will be mailed out on April 1st. Water payment is due by April 30th, Sewer payment is due by May 31st. A 10% penalty must accompany any late payment. Please contact the Village Office with any owner/address changes to ensure proper delivery.

Annual Firemen's Ball

Have you got Cabin Fever? Well we've got the cure! On Saturday April 17th the Altamont Fire Department will be holding it's Annual Firemen's Ball at the Village Hall. This is our major fundraiser of the year where we turn up the music, turn down the lights and dance the night away.

The doors will open at 6:00 pm and dancing will commence at 7:00pm. All night long we will be serving a hot and cold buffet as well as beer, wine, and soda. Mixers (juices and soda)

will be available, but you must BYOB (bring your own bottle). Also during the night we will be giving away a whole lot of door prizes and holding a silent auction. Last year the local businesses in the area donated over 70 items!

If you are interested in joining us for the festivities or making a monetary or prize donation please contact us at 859-7525. You can also respond by returning the bottom portion of the upcoming letter you will be receiving. Tickets are

\$25 per person which includes everything previously mentioned. Remember, this is a semi-formal event so dress to impress!

Annual
Fireman's Ball
ca. late 1950's



Altamont Senior News

The Altamont Senior Citizens have been weathering the cold winter by meeting each Tuesday to enjoy a warm meal & friendship, entertainment, cards and an occasional movie or game of Jeopardy or Wii, organized by Altamont Free Library Director, Judith Wines.

In February, the Seniors planned a luncheon at Evan's Public House in Guilderland, and in March, Gary Ferris will present a 1940's radio program, "Until It's Over Over There", which re-creates a World War II home-front radio show reminiscent of Bob Hope's "Command Performance." The shows include music, letters from soldiers, and period ad spots. Also in March, Mr. Doak's 3rd grade class will be visiting the Seniors and providing fun, smiles and entertainment.

In April and May, the Seniors will continue to meet on Tuesdays and newcomers are always welcome. The first trip of the year is planned for June. The group will be traveling to Hilton Garden

in Troy for a luncheon and entertainment by the Latshaw Pops Orchestra.

The Altamont Seniors Congregate Meal Program (luncheon) is funded in part by the Village of Altamont, Administration on Aging, New York State Office for the Aging and the Albany County Department for Aging.

Luncheons are possible through the efforts of a number of volunteers who set up, serve and clean up each week. Membership is open to anyone



60 years old and up.

For more information about the Altamont Senior Citizens, please contact them at 861-6030 or look for Eileen McKenney's weekly article in the Altamont Enterprise. Monthly calendars can be viewed on our website at www.altamontvillage.org

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for detailed information on
community events

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Calendar

March

Village Board Meeting	3/2
I Love My Library Gala	3/6
Budget Workshops (if needed)	3/9
Daylight Savings Time Begins	3/14

April

Water & Sewer Bills Mailed	4/1
Water Main Flushing Begins	4/5
Spring Brush Pickup Begins	4/6
Village Organizational Meeting & Budget Hearing	4/6
Village Board Meeting	4/6
Annual Firemen's Ball	4/17

ACT Green and Clean Day 4/24

May

Water Restriction Start	5/1
Annual Water Report Released	5/1
Winter Parking Restrictions End	5/1



2009 I Love My Library
Gala and Silent Auction

PTA Village Wide Garage Sale	5/1
Village Board Meeting	5/4
VFW - Loyalty Day	5/8
Memorial Day Parade	5/23
Memorial Day Offices Closed	5/31

June

Village Board Meeting	6/1
Village Property Taxes Mailed	6/1
Bozenkill Park Registration Begins	6/1
Library BBQ	6/18