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Village of Altamont

Summer Newsletter

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Mayors Message

Summer is upon us and lots of activities in the Village are in store. The fourth season of the very successful Farmers' Market, concerts in Orsini Park, the official opening of the Maple Avenue Park and Tot playground featuring an outdoor sculpture exhibit, the return of the Puppet People, Altamont 5K Run, and the programs at the Altamont Fair grounds are just a few of the summer events coming to the Village. At the end of the summer, be on the look out for the

Altamont Free Library's first annual Altamont Circuit Bicycle Race! The summer park recreational program starts July 6 for children 6-14 and check out the Altamont High School exhibit at the Village museum. Something for everyone!



2008 Farmer's Market

The Village has not gone unrecognized. The Maple Avenue Park/Tot playground was selected for a special Green Award by the Guilderland Chamber of Commerce selection committee to recognize our commitment to the environment. The Guilderland Chamber of Commerce also honored Altamont's own Bella Fleur with an award as a must see destination stop. Have a great summer and enjoy the beauty and excitement of our Village.

2009 Altamont Farmer's Market Opening Soon!

The Village of Altamont's Farmers' Market is celebrating its fourth season and will once again be located at the historic Altamont Train Station/future Altamont Free Library. The Saturday market will be open from 10:00 – 2:00pm beginning Saturday, July 4th, through the fall.

The Saturday market will feature Altamont Orchard's fresh seasonal fruits, vegetables, herbs, and pies. The fall market will also include cider, apples and cider donuts. Sap Bush Hollow Farm will once again be selling high quality grass fed and pasture raised meats,

chickens, eggs and a wide variety of homemade sausages. Longfield Farm will return with their delicious artisanal breads and scones. Francer's Creekside Farm will be offering a variety of vegetables, jams, jellies, pickles, potatoes and baked goods. In addition to the Saturday market, Altamont Orchards will be at the Train Station Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 11:00 – 6:00pm, and Sunday 10:00 - 2:00pm

Seniors, 60 years of age, receiving benefits through Social Security, public assis-

tance, food stamps, HEAP or section 8 housing. Individual earning less than \$1,491 per month or a couple not exceeding \$2,010 monthly income are also eligible for Farmer's Market Nutritional Program coupons. For more information contact Linda Cure, at 456-3150.

The Village of Altamont is pleased to coordinate the Altamont Farmers' Market and promote improved nutrition for our residents through the consumption of locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables.



Jean La Crosse

Village Clerk to Retire

Village Clerk Jean La Crosse will retire in July from her appointed service to the Village. Ms. La Crosse, hired in 1999, was appointed Clerk October 3, 2000. Thanks to Jean and best wishes on her retirement. Deputy Clerk, Patty Blackwood, who has been training since September 2008, will be appointed to the Village Clerk position.

Welcome New Employee

The Village Board welcomes Marijo Dougherty as Consultant for the Archives and Museum. Marijo Dougherty has a Masters Degree from the Fine Art Department at the University at Albany. Additional museum stewardship studies were completed at The Metropolitan Museum of Art (NYC) and the University of Chicago. Ms. Dougherty retired in 2003 from the University Art Museum, University at Albany, where she served as the Director. In 2007-2008 she served as the Interim Director of The Hyde Collection in Glens Falls, NY. She resides in Altamont with her husband Norman Bauman.



Planting a Pizza Garden
2008 Summer Camp

SUMMER CAMP

The Bozenkill Summer Camp will begin on July 6th and continue through August 7th for children between the ages of 6 and 14. There is a fee of \$40.00 per child per week.

The staff hosts a new theme each week and incorporates that theme into games, arts and crafts and special activities that are sure to delight and entertain campers at every age level.

Children will enter the world of the "Wild, Wild Kingdom",

planting an animal garden during the first week. The Bozenkill "Bucaneers" will hunt for pirate treasure throughout the second week. Campers will be going green during week three entitled "Cantastic". Counselors will be calling all Cowboys and Cowgirls to saddle up during "Rodeo and Horse Sense" Week. Week five Campers will "Party Like A Rock Star".

SWIM LESSONS

Swim instructions will begin on July 13th. Our staff

will offer 5 lessons for a fee of \$25.00. For more information regarding scheduling, please call the Village Offices at 861-8554.

ADULT WATER AEROBICS:

On Tuesdays and Thursdays, Natalie Drahzal will host the Adult Water Aerobic Program. The program will run from June 25th until August 13th from 6:15 to 7:15 pm. There is a fee of \$40.00.

Registration forms may be obtained from the Village Offices or our website.

Summer Park Recreational Program



2008 Safety Awareness
Day

Safety Awareness Day

The Altamont Police Department will once again host the Annual Public Safety Day on June 28, 2009 from 11am to 1pm at the Village Community Room and parking lot.

The Altamont Police will distribute approximately 90 bike helmets. Parents are encouraged to have their children bring their

bikes to participate in a bike safety program and bike rodeo. The Police Department will also be distributing the parental internet monitoring software "Computer Cop."

The Altamont Fire Department will be displaying fire trucks and reviewing fire safety. Altamont Rescue Squad will also be present.

In addition to the Altamont agencies, the NYS DCJS program Operation Safe Child will be offering children ID cards and Jeff Calder of Interstate K-9 will host a K-9 dog training event.

Refreshments and beverages will be prepared and served by members of the Altamont Fire Department.

Archives and Museum News

At present there are no regular hours for access to the collections due to the ongoing research and cataloguing process now taking place.

Individuals needing access to the Archives for research and other matters are encouraged to call Marijo Dougherty at 861-8125 to schedule an appointment. Generally appointments may be scheduled for **Wednesday's between 10-2pm.**

A new exhibition is now open in the hallway exhibit cases.

Curated from among the artifacts, memorabilia and ephemera found in the **Altamont High School Collection.** The exhibition is on view until September during regular Village Hall hours. Come and see images of your friends, parents, and grandparents in this very special exhibition.



As part of the celebratory activities during the first season of the **Maple Avenue Park and TOT Playground** there will be an outdoor sculpture exhibition, entitled **Dogs in the Park**, on view, **July 16th through August 21st, 2009.**

The artists in the exhibition are: **Kathleen Buchanan; Larry Kagan; Richard Martin; Jason Shultz and Lars Turin.**

There will be a closing reception to meet the artists on **Friday, August 21st, 6-8pm.** All village residents and their guests are invited to attend.

In conjunction with the exhibition and in collaboration with the Altamont Free Library there will be a weekly series of dog stories, with invited "guest readers", taking place in the park for children 6 and under. Day and time TBA.

Altamont Arts In The Parks

Pack your chair, blanket or picnic basket and share in the summer festivities. All entertainment is free..

June 19 – Chicken Barbeque and Concert Sponsored by Altamont Free Library in the Orsini Park at 4pm.

July – Sept. Altamont Farmer's Market at the Altamont Train Station.

July 14 – 77th NY Regimental Balladeers Multimedia presentation sponsored by Altamont Free Library honoring Abraham Lincoln on the 200th anniversary of his birth. In the Village Community Room at 7pm.

July 16 – Maple Avenue Park Official Opening Join Village Officials, Mas-

ter Gardener Keith Lee, volunteers and financial donors to celebrate the newly created park and tot playground.

July 17 – August 21 "Dogs in the Park" Curated exhibition consisting of outdoor sculptures by local artists and artisans combined with Altamont Free Library's weekly children's story reading. In the Maple Avenue Park. Artist Reception—August 21.

July 19 – "Bully Busters" 50 minute show for the entire family pre-

sented by The Puppet People as part of Village summer recreation program. Refreshments served by ACT. In the Community Room at 3 pm.

July 28 – Enchanting Native American Storytelling Sponsored by Altamont Free Library with Eric Marczak and Dawn Standing Woman. In the Orsini Park at 7pm.

August 4 – Hilltown Ramblers Bluegrass Music sponsored by Altamont Free Library in Orsini Park at 7pm.

Water Restrictions

The Village restricts the use of water from May 15th through September 15th of each year.

Hand held watering is permitted between the hours of 7am to 9am and 7pm to 9pm.

The use of lawn sprinklers and sprinkler systems are allowed

during the hours of 7am to 9 am and 7pm to 9pm using the odd/even house number system. Unnumbered houses/businesses use even days.

Fines - \$ 25.00 first offense
\$ 100.00 subsequent offense

Village Property Taxes

Property Taxes are levied June 1, 2009 and payable without penalty, to Catherine Hasbrouck, Village Treasurer, by June 30th.

The Village Office accepts payment Monday through

Friday from 9am to noon and 1 pm to 4 pm.

Village Property Taxes not paid by November 1st of each year are relieved on to the January County Tax bill.

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Summer Calendar

JUNE

- 6/19 Library Chicken BBQ
Orsini Park
- 6/23 Zoning Board Meeting
- 6/28 Safety Awareness Day
Community Room
- 6/29 Planning Board Meeting

JULY

- 7/3 Village Office Closed — Holiday
- 7/7 Village Board Meeting
- 7/11 WGNA Countryfest
- 7/14 77th NY Regimental Balladeers
Community Room
- 7/16 Maple Avenue Park Official
Opening - first day of sculpture
exhibit, "Dogs in the Park"

- 7/19 "Bully Buster" Puppet Show
Community Room
- 7/27 Planning Board Meeting
- 7/28 Eric Maczak & Dawn Standing
Women
Orsini Park
- 7/28 Zoning Board Meeting

AUGUST

No Village Board Meeting



Safety Awareness Day
June 28, 2009

- 8/4 Hilltown Ramblers
Orsini Park
- 8/11-16 Altamont Fair
- 8/21 "Dogs in the Park" Reception
Maple Avenue Park
- 8/24 Planning Board Meeting
- 8/25 Zoning Board Meeting
- 8/29 Annual 5k Run
Bozenkill Park

SEPTEMBER

- 9/1 Village Board Meeting
- 9/7 Office Closed — Labor Day
- 9/11 AFD Ladies Brooks BBQ
Community Room
- 9/21 Planning Board Meeting
- 9/27 Library Bike Race
- 9/29 Zoning Board Meeting