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# Spring Newsletter

### June 2010

### **Bozenkill Park Offers Recreation Program and More!**

The Bozenkill Park Summer Recreation will begin on July 5th and continue through August 13th for children between the ages 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.

This year program celebrates the stories of Dr. Seuss. The first session (July 5-9) is full of the fun filled antics from The Cat in the Hat.

Hop on Pop will provide campers with balloon games and gooey gunk during the second session (July 12-16).

The third session (July 19-23) focuses on Green Eggs and Ham where campers will create edible pictures and compete in three legged egg races.

Join Thing One vs. Thing Two during the fourth session (July 26-30) for a tug of war. Campers will create their own Thing character using crayola dough.

The fifth session (August 2-6) includes water races and campers will be designing their own rainbow fish in honor of One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish.

The camp's final session (August 9 -13) will travel the world following the adventures found in Oh, The Places We Will Go. Games and crafts from foreign countries will be offered.

### NEW THIS YEAR

### Free Family Fun Nights At Bozenkill Park

The whole family is invited to pack a picnic dinner and join the Bozenkill Park Staff for fun. The staff will be organizing games such as kickball, volleyball and other group games. Family Fun Nights will be held on Wednesdays on July 21, July 27, August 4 and August 11. The fun and games will start at 6 pm.

Bozenkill Park is open Memorial Day through Columbus Day. The Pool will be open from June 20 through Labor Day. Parking is free for village residents with a valid parking permit. Non-resident parking is \$ 10.00. There is a \$2.00 fee for swimmers ages 5-61. Seniors free with Senior Pass.

# **Schilling Park**

The Parks and Green Space Committee voted unanimously at its April meeting to recommend to the Altamont Board of Trustees that the park on Maple Avenue be named "Schilling Park" in honor of Altamont's Schilling family.

The Schilling family arrived in Altamont in the early 1950's. John and Phyllis lived on Maple Avenue and raised their four children , John, Carl, Lisa and Stephanie. Mrs. Schilling became involved in Village activities and served as \_ Mrs. Schilling and her family have

Village Trustee from 1983-1998. As a resident of Altamont, Mrs. Schilling has given her effort and time promoting and developing Altamont parks and green spaces throughout the village. Landscaping, organizing volunteers, and raising funds for park projects are just a few of her accomplishments. Most recently, her son Carl Schilling donated his time to construct a shelter pavilion for the new Schilling park site.

exemplified the best of Altamont's community spirit. Designating the park "Schilling Park" is a fitting tribute of their many years of public service to Altamont.





Bozenkill Park Entrance 2010

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### Altamont Archives and Museum welcomes Volunteers

Volunteers received specialized training during May in archives and records processing thanks in part to a grant from the NYS Archives. In addition, grant funds enabled the purchase of a digital scanner as part of the digitalization of Collecttions Program administered by unprecedented on-line access to CDLC (Capital District Library Coun- the collections by Altamont resicil). The goal is to research tar- dents and others, including stugeted collections, scanning the dents and researchers. information and then entering the data into the Contentdm@ data. The volunteers will each do rebase. This process will enable

Altamont Reformed Church Lincoln Ave ca 1900



search on specific topics. Judi Dineen-Altamont Fairgrounds; Lois Ginsburg-Altamont Churches; Joan Kappel-Altamont Family History; Vaughn Lainhart Nevin, PhD.-Crounse family archives and Keith Lee-Altamont parks and businesses.

Additional volunteers skilled in data entry will be needed for this process. Anyone with these skills who



might be interested in being part of the Archives team, please call Marijo Dougherty, Curator, 861-8125. Volunteers learn archival procedures and processing under the direction of James Corsaro of the NYS Archives at the May 18th workshop.

# **Enjoy Free**

# Wi-Fi access in Orsini **Park Courtesy** of Key Bank NA



Kim and Reggie Harris

# Altamont Farmer's Market Opening in July

Consumers looking for fresh fruits, vegetables, herbs, breads, jams, honey, eggs and meats, as well as other locally grown and produced goods need look no further than the Altamont Farmer's Market, slated to open in early July and continue into the fall.

The Altamont Farmer's Market is celebrating its fifth season and will be located at the historic Altamont Train Station (the future home of the Altamont Free Library) unless construction moves the market to Orsini Park, adjacent to the train

station and in the village center.

The Altamont Farmer's Market will be open in early July, as produce becomes available. Look for the colorful display under the overhang at the train station! Altamont Orchards will begin selling strawberries in June and the expanded Saturday market will begin in July, weather permitting. Hours for the market are: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday (Altamont Orchards): 11:00 am to 6:00 pm; Saturday (expanded market): 10:00 am to 2:00 pm and Sunday (Altamont Orchards): 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

The Village of Altamont coordinates the Altamont Farmer's Market and promotes improved nutrition for children, adults and seniors through the consumption of locally grown fresh fruits, vegetables and other products. The Village also works with the Altamont senior citizens program to distribute Farmer's Market Nutritional Program (FMNP) checks, which can be redeemed at the Farmer's Market.

# Arts in the Park

The Altamont Free Library and the Village of Altamont will host the summer concert series again this year in Orsini Park. This project is made possible in part through Community Arts\$Grants, a program funded by the Arts Center of the Capital Region through the State and Local Partnership Program of the New York State Council on the Arts

All programs will held be in Orsini Park. In the event of rain, the programs will be relocated to the Community Room at Village Hall. All programs will start a 7 pm.

The Jazz Latino Sextet will perform on Tuesday, July 13th. This Latin jazz group brings a unique sound not heard before in this area.

On Tuesday, July 20th, Renee Lussier and Branchwater will perform country music with a kick. Ms. Lussier, a Knox native, will be moving on to Nashville in the near future.

Kim and Reggie Harris, nationally known recording artists will perform contemporary folk music on Tuesday, July 17th.

Local favorites, Fairview Avenue Band, will provide an evening of bluegrass music on Tuesday, August 3.

Lively fiddle tunes, folksongs and fancy footwork will be provided by John Kirk and Trish Miller on Tuesday August 10th.

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# Planning Board approves a number of new businesses

Since the new Zoning Law went into affect the Village Planning Board agenda has been full. A number of new businesses have opened their doors in the last year.

Farong Li owner of Bamboo Garden, a Chinese take out restaurant, was approved for a Special Use Permit to conduct such business 187 Main Street known as at Altamont Corners. The building also features a Subway Shop and Piasano's Pizza.

A 24 hr Coin Op Laundromat owned by John Donato located in the rear of 996 Altamont Blvd was

granted a Special Use Permit. The Village has not had a Laundromat in a number of years.

Dr. Margaret Walker was granted approval for a Special Use Permit to open a private psychologist office at 105-107 Maple Avenue. Another medical office, Altamont Physical Therapy is located just across the Avenue.

John Donato was given a Special Use Permit to open Altamont Parts Store at 996 Altamont Blvd. The store sells automotive, truck and small engine parts.

Approval for a Special Use Permit was granted to Nancy Turner to operate 100 Main Bean and Bakerv at 100 Main Street in February 2010. In addition to coffee, baked goods and light lunches will be offered.

James Miller, DBA Desolation Road Photography, obtained a Special Use Permit to operate an art studio and gallery at 182 Main Street. Mr. Miller would like to host annual art shows in Orsini Park and will work mentoring high school students involved in photography courses.



**Desolation Road** Photography



100 Main Bean and Bakery

### Altamont Archives and Museum offers new summer exhibit

Five Parks, an exhibition of researched text and photographs, both vintage and current, opens on Sunday, June 13th at 2 pm in the Village Hall archives hallway gallery. The exhibition is organized by invited guest curator Keith Lee, an Altamont resident and Master Gardener.



Orsini Park 2010 Ron Ginsburg

Places for the People: Altamont's The story of the founding of each of the parks, which includes the nolonger-in-existence Helderberg Park, is a compelling one, which the curator narrates in well documented text and visual images.

> In his curator's statement, Keith Lee states:

> Public parks are integral to the development of a shared community, providing a place where citizens meet, interact, share experiences, and enjoy recreational, cultural, and other activities found in no other venue. Frederick Law Olmstead (1822-1903), the father of landscape architecture, did not see parks just as vast meadows, but rather as places of harmony, places where people could go to escape life and regain their

sanity. He envisioned these parks to be available to all people no matter what walk of life a person might follow.

The exhibition dates are June 13th through August 27th. The hallway gallery is open during regular village office hours.

The Altamont Archives and Museum and the exhibition will be open for visitors Tuesday, August 17th through Friday, August 20th from 9 am to 4 pm.

For additional information contact Marijo Dougherty, Archives Curator at marijo@nycap.rr.com or by calling 861-8125.

### Watch for

New

altamontvillage.org

Website

This Summer

# Village Property Taxes

Property taxes are levied June 1, 2010 and payable without penalty, to Catherine Hasbrouck, Village Treasurer, by June 30th.

The Village Office accepts payment Monday through Friday from 9 am to noon and 1 pm to 4 pm.

Village property taxes not paid by November 1st of each year are relevied on the January County Tax bill.

### 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 7 am to 9 am and 7 pm to 9 pm. The use of lawn sprinklers are allowed during the hours of 7 am to 9 am and 7 pm to 9 pm using the odd/even house number system. Unnumbered houses/businesses use even days.

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



Orsini Park May 2010

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# Calendar

### June

June	
Village Board Meeting	6/1
Village Property Taxes Maileo	6/1
Bozenkill Summer Program Registration Starts	6/1
Library BBQ Orsini Park	6/18
Bozenkill Pool Opens	6/20
Zoning Board Meeting	6/22
Planning Board Meeting	6/28
ACT Ice Cream Social Orsini Park	6/29
July	
Farmer's Market Opens	Early July
Village Offices Closed	7/5
Bozenkill Summer Program Begins	7/5



Village Board Meeting	7/6
WGNA Countryfest Altamont Fairgrounds	7/10
Jazz Latino Sextet Orsini Park	7/13
Renee Lussier & Branchwater Orsini Park	7/20
Guilderhaven BBQ & Book Sale - Orsini Park	7/24
Kim & Reggie Harris Orsini Park	7/28

### August No Village Board Meeting

Fairview Avenue Band	
Orsini Park	8/3
John Kirk & Trish Miller Orsini Park	8/10
Bozenkill Summer Program Ends	8/14
Altamont Fair starts	8/17
Library Circuit Race Orsini Park	8/22
Altamont 5K Bozenkill Park	8/28
September	
Village Offices Closed	9/6
Bozenkill Pool Closes	9/6
Village Board Meeting	9/7
AFD Ladies Aux. Brooks BBQ Community Room	9/10
The Capital District Apple and W	Inc

The Capital District Apple and Wine Festival