

# Village of Altamont

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## Summer Newsletter

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Angel, Orsini and Bozenkill

## Summer Programs and Events 2011

The Village of Altamont and the Altamont Free Library will host the Farmer's Market at the historic train station starting in July. Fresh farm items will be available Saturdays and Sundays 10 am to 2 pm and Weekdays 11 am to 6 pm (closed Wednesdays).

Tuesday evenings in Orsini Park will be alive with the sound of music. The Altamont Library, Altamont Community Tradition and Village of Altamont will be hosting the Summer Concerts series on Tuesday evenings starting July 12th through August 9th at 7 pm. Sensemaya will kick off the season with hot Latin dance rhythms. Anyone wishing to learn some

salsa steps are invited to come at 6:15 pm. Tern Rounders will produce some honky-tonk shuffles and vocal harmony drive folk rock on July 19th. Big band and swing from All Them Chops on July 26th will get the crowd moving. Lessons will be offered starting at 6:15 pm. Back by popular demand on August 2nd the Fairview Avenue Band will perform bluegrass music. Kyle James Miller is scheduled for August 9th. Although a young man, Mr. Miller delivers the blues with great depth. This concert series is made possible in part through a grant from Community Arts\$Grants.

The Bozenkill Park Summer Camp will begin on July 5th and continue through August 12th for children between the ages of 6 and 14. Children will be participating in this year's "Bozenkill Park" Olympics. There is a fee of \$ 40.00 per child per week.

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

The Village Camp Director, Adriene Bush, and her staff will again host Family Fun Nights on July 20, July 27, August 3, and August 10 at Bozenkill Park starting at 6 pm. Families are encouraged to bring a picnic dinner and participate in organized games.

## Altamont receives youth grant

The Village has received a grant this year from the County of Albany Department for Children, Youth and Families. Two scholarships will be offered each week to children of low income or economically challenged families who would not be able to attend Bozenkill Summer Camp otherwise. Scholarship applications

are available at the Altamont Food Pantry, at the Village offices and on the website.

The grant will also subsidize a presentation of "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" presented by the Puppet People on Friday, October 28th at 7 pm in the Village Community Room.



Farmers Market

## Updates from the Village Offices

Starting in June 2011, the Village of Altamont entered into a Shared Service agreement with the Town of Guiderland to transfer the planning, zoning, building code enforcement and fire inspection services to departments within the Town. Residents, contractors and businesses will contact and submit all requests

for building permits, planning and zoning applications to the Town Building Department Monday through Friday from 9 am to 4 pm. The Village Planning and Zoning Board will continue to conduct public hearings pursuant to applications received in the Town offices.

For complete details regarding these services, please visit the Building Department pages on the Village Website.

The Board also approved starting the Village Board meetings earlier at 7 pm.

The Altamont Justice Court now begins at 5 pm.

**Congratulations  
to  
all  
2011  
Guiderland  
Graduates**

### Save the Date

Altamont Fire  
Department

3rd Annual  
Comedy Night

October 15

## Increase in Water Fee

At its April 5, 2011 meeting, the Altamont Board of Trustees approved the 2011-2012 Village Budget. The Budget does not increase Village property taxes, but does include a fee increase of \$ 10 on all water users' bills. After a thorough review of the Village's finances, the Board determined that the increase was needed to meet water fund operating

costs and augment the fund reserves in anticipation of expensive State mandated engineering studies of the Village reservoirs.

The Village provides water through 1,004 service connections to a population of approximately 2,000 people. Water and Sewer fees are billed to a population

of approximately 2,000 people. Water and Sewer Rents are billed on April 1st and October 1st of each year. The fee increase will ensure that we continue to provide residents with clean, safe, quality water which meets all State drinking water requirements.

## 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

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

Fines:

\$ 25 first offense

\$ 100 subsequent offense

## Village Property Taxes

Property Taxes are levied June 1, 2011 and payable without penalty, to Catherine Hasbrouck, Village Treasurer by July 1st.

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 levied on to the January County Tax bill.

## Altamont Police Q & A

The following is taken from an article written by Linda S. Forst, "Coping with the Traffic Stop"

### Q. Uh-oh. Red lights are flashing in the rearview mirror...Now what to do?

A. Getting pulled over by a police officer can be intimidating, frustrating and even dangerous for the motorist and the police officer. However, remembering some simple steps will help make your traffic stop as safe and as pleasant as possible.

Respond to the red light, and signal your intentions. The safest thing to do is to pull as far to the right as possible - using turn indicators to let the officer and other motorists know what you plan to do. Drive slowly on the right until you can find a safe location to pull off the road where you won't impede the flow of traffic. The violation may have oc-

curred one or two miles before the traffic stop. Most departments have developed strict procedures for officers to follow to ensure your safety and theirs. They're required to give the location, vehicle and occupant description, and license plate to the dispatcher. The officer is also trying to locate the safest place to initiate the stop.

Remain in the vehicle unless the officer instructs otherwise. Listen to the officer and comply with instructions. Keep yourself and your passengers in the vehicle with your hands visible.

If the stop is a case of mistaken identity, such as your vehicle is similar to one leaving the scene of a crime, you'll be on your way as soon as it's cleared up. If it's a traffic stop, the offi-

cer will request your driver's license, registration and insurance card. The officer may allow you to explain your actions; if so, you should speak calmly.

If your complaint is about the validity of the citation, then it must be handled through the courts. If the contact was unprofessional, complaint forms are available from the Village Offices. Managers want to know if there's a problem with an officer.

If you comply with the rationale behind an officer's actions by following these steps, a traffic stop can be a less stressful experience.

### Q. How can the community meet the Police?

A. There are many opportunities to meet the Alta-

1. Watch for children at play
2. Encourage use of helmets and other safety gear when bike riding and skateboarding.
3. Check on your elderly neighbors during extreme heat

summer. Officers will be present at Bozenkill Park, the summer concert series and many of the Altamont Fair events. Altamont Police will be visiting the seniors at one of the Tuesday events at St. Lucy's Parish Center. Please feel free to visit the office at any time with questions or concerns.

### Save the Date

Altamont Fire  
Department

Brooks BBQ

September 9

## Planning Board approves new businesses

Michael Giorgio was granted a Special Use Permit to operate a wine bar and bistro, Mio Vino, at 186 Main Street. Projected opening mid-August.

A Special Use Permit was approved for Liberty Livecchi to operate a hair salon, Li Bella Salon, is located at 100 Main Street in Knowersville Plaza.



A Special Use Permit was granted to Troy Miller to house the Hungerford Market Bagel Shop at 106 Maple Ave in his former real estate office.

Robert Traina was approved for a Special Use Permit by the Altamont Planning Board to operate a Martial Arts School at 187 Main Street in the Altamont Corners buildings.



## IMPORTANT DATES

### JUNE

6/11— Guildershaven Fundraiser  
Book Sale & BBQ at Orsini Park

6/17 — Altamont Free Library  
Chicken BBQ at Orsini Park

6/18— Bozenkill Pool opens

6/28 — ACT Strawberry Social  
Orsini Park 6 pm

### JULY

7/4 — Independence Day — Office  
Closed

7/9 — WGNA Countryfest

7/19— Village Board Meeting 7  
pm

7/12 — Concert in the Park  
Sensemaya  
Orsini Park 7 pm

7/19 — Concert in the Park  
Tern Rounders  
Orsini Park 7 pm

7/20— Family Picnic and Game  
Night Bozenkill Park 6 pm

7/26 — Concert in the Park  
All Them Chops  
Orsini Park 7 pm

7/27— Family Picnic and Game  
Night Bozenkill Park 6 pm

### AUGUST

8/2 — Concert in the Park  
Fairview Avenue Band  
Orsini Park 7 pm

8/3—Family Picnic and Game  
Night Bozenkill Park 6 pm

8/9 — Concert in the Park  
Kyle James Miller  
Orsini Park 7 pm

8/10—Family Picnic and Game  
Night Bozenkill Park 6 pm

8/16 – 22 Altamont Fair

8/27— Altamont 5k Run  
Bozenkill Park

### SEPTEMBER

9/5— Labor Day — Office Closed

9/5— Bozenkill Park pool closes

9/6—Village Board Meeting 7pm

9/9 — AFD Ladies Aux.  
Brooks BBQ take out  
Community Room 4 — 7 pm

### OCTOBER

10/1—Altamont Arts in the Park  
Art Show  
Orsini Park 10 am to 6 pm

10/15 AFD Comedy Show

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