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## Village of Altamont

#### **Altamont Archives and Museum News**

The archives collection has received several gifts recently. One gift from Jack and Cindy Pollard was a set of Kushaqua Hotel keys.



ca. 1888

Learn more about this wonderful gift and other donations plus upcoming exhibitions on the Archives Facebook page.

Coming in July, a new Hallway Exhibit - Speed: Dirt Track Racing at the Altamont Fairgrounds is scheduled to be open July 13th to August 28th. This exhibition, not to be missed, is drawn from the recent donation by Edwin Bradt of Altamont from his collection of memorabilia. photographs, ephemera, and objects covering dirt track racing, ca 1937-45. Some of the racing records set on Altamont's dirt track remain today. Ed lived and breathed the sport in his childhood, and had first hand experiences and companionship from the race car drivers, who staved in his childhood home during the racing season. A similar companion exhibit, drawn from the same collection, will be held in the Farm House Museum during Fair Week.

This fall will be the Quasquicentennial anniversary of the village's incorporation. Marijo Dougherty is planning a special exhibition for the Hallway Gallery. The working title is Remembrance: Select Images of the Memorial Windows in Altamont's Churches. A public reception is planned for Sunday, September 27th and the exhibition will continue through December 11th.



#### **Altamont Free Library 2015 Summer Concert Series**

The Altamont Free Library is pleased to announce that with the support from the Village, Albany County Sheriff Craig Apple, and other generous donors, it will once again host a series of six free Tuesday evening concerts in Orsini Park. The first concert will be on June 30th and run through August 4th. There will be a varied lineup with some re-

turning groups and some new groups. Featured styles will be blue grass, popular, folk, jazz, county, and swing.

The Library will host a special evening on July 14th to spotlight and thank those who keep us safe, our ambulance volunteers, firefighter volunteers and police force. The featured group that evening will be the ever popular Rusticator, and the concert begins at 7 pm. The library encourages everyone to come early, grab a meal, dessert or snack from the local eateries and enjoy the evening, music and good company. Further information will be available in early June on the Library website, on Facebook, and in the Library column in the Enterprise.

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#### Altamont Farmer's Market

The Village will host the Farmer's Market starting in July again this year at the Altamont Free Library train station. Altamont Orchard and Fort Hunter Farms will offer fresh vegetables and fruits Thursdays through Tuesdays of each week. On Tuesdays, Longfield Farms will offer artisan breads, pastured eggs, free range chicken and items produced on the farm including fiber art.

The Village will sponsor Expanded Farmer's Market on Saturday, July 25th and Saturday, August 29th from 10 am to 3 pm. The Village is currently seeking vendors of produce, dairy, meats, plants, honey, and maple products. Producers of baked goods, granola and other crafts are also welcome to participate. Fee is \$ 5.00 per day. Vendors must supply their own tent and tables.

Application packets are available at the Village Hall or on our website altamontvillage.org under our Parks Department.

#### From the Desk of Police Chief Todd Pucci

With several crosswalks in the Village of Altamont, Officers are often asked the following:

What is the law regarding crosswalks? When there is no traffic control signal, drivers must yield the right-of-way to pedestrians, particularly if a pedestrian is in a crosswalk, or there is potential danger to the pedestrian. In addition, every driver approaching an intersection or crosswalk must yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian accompanied by a guide dog or a cane. [Sec

1153-c, NYS Vehicle & Traffic Law

What if there isn't a cross-walk? If there isn't a cross-walk, sign or signal at midblock locations, a pedestrian must yield the right-of-way to all vehicles on the roadway. [Sec 1152, NYS Vehicle & Traffic Law]

What about sidewalks? The driver of a vehicle, when entering or exiting from an alleyway, building, private road or driveway must yield the right-

of-way to any pedestrian on a sidewalk. Pedestrians are required to use sidewalks where they are provided and safe to use. [Sec 1151-a, NYS Vehicle and Traffic Law] When sidewalks are not provided, a pedestrian is required to walk on the left side of the roadway facing traffic. [Section 1156-b, NYS Vehicle and Traffic Law]

This information and answers to additional questions can be found at www.safeny.ny.gov/ped-ndx

#### **Village Stormwater Program**

The Village Stormwater Program is dedicated in protecting our streams and creeks. Our streams and creeks are sources of drinking water and the home to many different species of aquatic life. Excess amounts of nutrients, especially an abundance of phosphorus and nitrogen, can harm these waterways.

These nutrients are found in products used for lawn care and detergents used for washing cars. They are also found in animal waste including dogs, cats, livestock and wildlife.

We ask our residents to take a few steps in helping reduce these levels of potential dangerous nutrients: If using fertilizers for lawn or other plant care, use products with reduced or "0" phosphorus; Take time to carefully read and follow application directions when applying lawn care

products; Wash vehicles where soapy water will not go into storm drains, use areas where the soapy water is infiltrated into the soil; and clean up and properly dispose of pet waste.

To learn more about our Storm Water Management program visit the Village website Public Works home page or visit Village of Altamont Stormwater Education page on Facebook.

#### **Village Property Taxes**

Property Taxes are levied June 1, 2015 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 3, 2015 will be relevied to Albany County Department of Finance. All payments of the arrears are to be made to Albany County Department of Finance. Property owners should telephone 447-7062 for the current amount due.

#### From the Desk of Superintendent Jeffrey Moller

Water Restrictions: The Village restricts the use of water from May 15th to September 15th of each year. Hand held watering is permitted from 7 am to 9 am and 7 pm to 9 pm daily. The use of lawn sprinklers and sprinkler systems 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 begin at \$ 25.00.

Yard Waste Pickup: Yard waste collection will begin on Tuesday, October 13th and continue through November 27th. The Village will vac-

uum leaves on Tuesdays and Fridays. Brush will be picked up on Wednesdays.

<u>Fall Water Flushing:</u> Water main flushing will begin on Monday, September 28th.

For more details on these services, please visit our website at altamontvillage.org



#### **Altamont Offers a Number of Recreational Programs**

The Bozenkill Summer Camp will begin on June 29th and continue through August 7th for children between the ages of 6 and 14. There is a fee of \$ 50 per child per week. Camp hours are 8:30 am to noon. The theme this year is Minute To Win It and activities will include swimming, games and sport activities.

Swim lessons are being offered

to children ages 3 and up. Our staff will offer 5 lessons for a fee of \$ 25.

Adult water aerobics will be hosted by Vicky Bastian on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6 pm starting June 23rd until August 6. The fee is \$ 25 for either the Tuesday night or Thursday night class.

Wednesday Night Volleyball will begin on June 24th.

There is no fee, just show up and play with other interested residents on a sand court.

The Bozenkill Camp staff will host a family fun night on Wednesday, July 29th. Bring a picnic dinner and then join in some old fashion family games.

More information and registration forms are available on our website.

# SAVE THE DATE AFD Ladies Annual Brooks BBQ September 11, 2015



Keith Alberstadt, AFD Featured Comedian

Greg Aidala Comedy Night Host

#### **Altamont Fire Department Upcoming Events**

The Altamont Fire Department and its Auxiliary have a lot of community events planned for the next six months. AFD will host family Movies In The Park this summer in Orsini Park on Friday July 10, July 24, August 7 and August 21.

On Friday, September 11th the Ladies Auxiliary will host the Annual Back to School **Brooks BBQ** at the Fire House starting at 3:30 pm. They will be offering Ribs in addition to the Chicken Dinners.

On Saturday, October 10, the public is invited to visit the **Open House** at 115 Main St and learn more about the Department, our equipment and membership. There will be fun for the entire family with demonstrations, giveaways and balloons for the children.

Greg Aidala will host the 7th

Annual Night of Comedy on Saturday, November 7 at the firehouse. This year's featured comedian is Keith Alberstadt. He has appeared on the Late Show with David Letterman, NBC's Last Comic Standing, Late Night with Seth Meyers and has performed all over the world for our U.S. Troops. Look for the AFD newsletter in your mail for more information this September.

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### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

| <u>JUNE</u>                       |      | Library Concert in the Park    | 8/4         | Altamont Fire House        |          |
|-----------------------------------|------|--------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|----------|
| Village Board Meeting             | 6/2  | Village Board Meeting (If Need | led) 8/4    | Village Offices Closed     | 10/12    |
| Guilderhaven Bake/BBQ             | 6/13 | AFD Movies in the Park         | 8/7         | Columbus Day               |          |
| Bozenkill Park Pool Opens         | 6/21 | Altamont Fair                  | 8/11 – 8/16 | Halloween                  | 10/31    |
| ACT Strawberry Social             | 6/23 | Movies in the Park             | 8/21        |                            |          |
| Library Concert in the Park       | 6/30 | Altamont 5k Run                | 8/29        | <u>NOVEMBER</u>            |          |
|                                   |      | Bozenkill Park                 |             | Daylight Savings Time Ends | 11/1     |
| <u>JULY</u>                       |      |                                |             | General Election           | 11/3     |
| Village Offices Closed            | 7/3  | <u>SEPTEMBER</u>               |             | Village Board Meeting      | 11/4     |
| Fourth of July Observed           |      | Village Board Meeting          | 9/1         | AFD Comedy Night           | 11/7     |
| Library Concert in the Park       | 7/7  | Village Offices Closed         | 9/7         | Community Room             |          |
| AFD Movies in the Park            | 7/10 | Labor Day                      |             | Village Office Closed      | 11/11    |
| Library Concert in the Park       | 7/14 | AFD Ladies Brook BBQ           | 9/11        | Veterans Day               |          |
| Library Concert in the Park       | 7/21 | Altamont Fire House            |             | Village Offices Closed     | 11/26-27 |
| Village Board Meeting             | 7/21 | Water Main Flushing Begins     | 9/28        | Thanksgiving Holiday       |          |
| St John's Ice Cream Social        | 7/22 |                                |             | Library Lights             | 11/29    |
| AFD Movies in the Park            | 7/24 | <u>OCTOBER</u>                 |             |                            |          |
| Library Concert in the Park       | 7/28 | Village Board Meeting          | 10/6        | <u>DECEMBER</u>            |          |
| Family Fun Night - Bozenkill Park | 7/29 | Yard Waste Pickup Begins       | 10/6        | Village Board Meeting      | 12/1     |
| AUGUST                            |      | AFD Open House                 | 10/10       | ACT Victorian Holidays     | 12/13    |

All community events will be held in Orsini Park unless otherwise noted.