

Village of Altamont Newsletter

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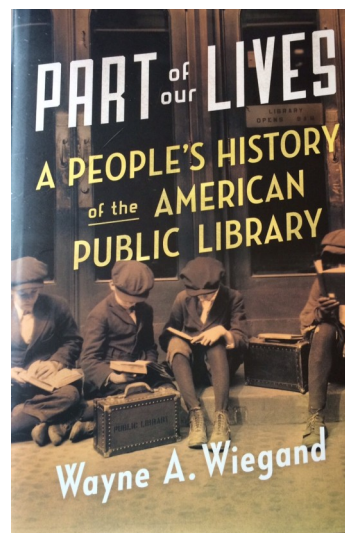
Archives and Museum Fall Exhibition

FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT: *100 Years of the Altamont Free Library.* This exhibition will be curated as part of the Centennial celebratory activities for the anniversary of the Altamont Free Library and will include not only the history of the establishment of Altamont's Library but of the American Library system as well.

A highlight of the exhibition will be a special creation by the **Train Station Quilters** which will be on exhibition and then available for auction at the 2017 Library Gala.

The exhibition opens on **Sunday September 25** with a

Public Reception in the Community Room from 2 to 4pm. The exhibit continues, in the Village Hallway Gallery, through November 13.



Village Property Taxes

Property taxes were levied on June 1, 2016 and are payable without penalty by July 1, 2016. The Village Offices accepts payment Monday through Friday from 9 am to Noon and 1 pm to 4 pm. Village property taxes not paid by November 3, 2016 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 in arrears should telephone 447-7062 for the current amount due.

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Plans for Major Museum Initiative

The Village is pleased to announce the creation of an exciting as well as lasting project for the Village.

Entitled *Museum in the Streets*, the project will bring the story of our Village out to the residents and visitors alike, though a series of professionally designed and produced lectern-style signs which will be installed in areas of historical importance. Each sign will present historic photographs from the collections of the Archives and Mu-

seum along with researched text, telling the story of the location at which each sign is installed. As an additional feature, the signs will be bilingual (English/Spanish).

Under the direction of Museum Curator Marijo Dougherty, we have assembled an Advisory Committee for the project which includes the Archives and Museum Volunteers, the Altamont Free Library Director, members of the Altamont Community Tradition (ACT), and repre-

sentatives from the business community. These groups, as well as community members, have stepped forward enthusiastically to help support and fund the project.

We are in conversation with local school districts to investigate the possibility of collaborating with them about integrating the project into the curriculum and interdisciplinary study. The project is scheduled to be installed officially in the summer of 2017, with a big celebration.



*Visit our
website for
more
information
and listing of
other events*



New Businesses Move into Central Business District

The Village of Altamont Planning Board has approved a number of new businesses over the last few months. The Altamont Enterprise has officially moved its publishing offices to 120 Maple Avenue, while Altamont Printing and Photo will remain at 123 Maple Avenue.

Bella Fleur Flowers and Gifts has moved into their new home at 182 Main Street located at the old village pharmacy and shares the store-

front with Remedies Wine and Spirits. Bella Fleur offers a wide variety of fresh flowers and arrangements and is open Weekdays 9 am to 6 pm and Saturdays 9 am to 4:30 pm.

Remedies Wine and Spirits offers a wide selection of wines and liquors, and is open Tuesdays through Saturdays, 9 am to 9 pm and Sundays, Noon to 6 pm. Check out their facebook pages for more information and weekly specials.

Uncle Jimmy's Market, located at 202 Main Street, offers fresh cut meats, deli products as well as sandwiches and salads, and is open Weekdays 10 am to 8 pm, Saturdays 10 am to 7 pm and Sundays 10 am to 4 pm. For a full listing of Village Businesses and contact information, visit the community links page at altamontvillage.org. Other new businesses on Altamont Blvd are currently under review by the Zoning and Planning Boards.

Up Coming Community Events

Orsini Park is the home of many summer events. On June 9th, the Altamont Elementary Kindergartners will host their annual Alex's Lemonade Stand from 11 am to 1 pm. Altamont Free Library will host the Annual BBQ on June 17th, Altamont Community Traditions will host their Annual Strawberry Social on June 21st, and St. John's Lutheran Church will host their Annual Ice Cream Social on July 20th. Starting on July 5th, the Altamont Free Library summer concerts will kick off with Three Quarter North. Rusticator will perform on July 12th, Jon Ouckama takes

the stage on July 19th, Marty Wendell and his band appear on July 26th, Scotty Mac's Roadshow will perform on August 2nd and The Tommy Verrigni Trio will close the season on August 9th.

Movies at Dusk are back again this year! Members of the Altamont Volunteer Fire Department are excited to offer four nights of free family movies in Orsini Park on July 15th, July 29th, August 5th and August 26th. As always, popcorn is free at the Movies at Dusk. On October 31st, the Altamont Volunteer Fire Department will lead the Hal-

loween Parade to Orsini Park where they are met by Altamont Police, Altamont Rescue Squad and Fire Department distributing the first of their Halloween goodies.

On December 11th, Altamont Community Traditions will host their Annual Victorian Holidays which offers holiday markets in a number of locations throughout the village, home tours and the welcoming of Santa arriving on the SMS Line Holiday Train.

Altamont Fire Department will conduct the annual Santa Stroll on December 18th.

Altamont Senior Citizen Trips Open To All Area Seniors

A number of excursions are planned for the local senior citizens over the next few months.

On July 20th, lunch at Mariner's Harbor in Kingston will precede a 2 hour narrated river cruise aboard Hudson River Cruises.

On August 20th, is the "Slice of Brooklyn Pizza" tour. Besides stopping for pizza and soft drinks at Grimaldi's and L&B Spumoni Gardens, travelers will be treated to an narrated historical tour of Brooklyn's famous movie locations, landmarks and points of inter-

est. On September 8th, a visit to Gavin's Irish Country Inn will start with a paint n' tea. Visitors will paint Martini Glasses while enjoying Irish tea and scones. At noon, a feast of steak, shrimp and clams is offered as lunch.

Live music will follow as well, and includes a visit to the new Irish tea shop. Wade Buses are used for all day trips. All trips depart from St. Lucy's Parish Center. For pricing and reservations, contact Kathy Adams at 861-6258.

Pet Owners Take Heed!

When you clean up after your pet, do you dump the waste in the street or storm sewer? Do you leave it to decay on the sidewalk or the grass near the street or in the parks? If so, you may be causing pollution and/or health problems. Pet waste carries numerous diseases which make the water unsafe for drinking and swimming.

Pollutants from improperly disposed pet waste may be washed into storm sewers by rain or melting snow. Storm sewers usually drain directly into our lakes and streams, carrying many pollutants along with the water. When

pet waste is washed into our streams and the waste decays, it uses up oxygen and sometimes creates ammonia. This, along with warmer temperatures can kill fish and other aquatic wildlife. Pet waste also contains nutrients that can encourage weed and algae growth which also affect the health of the wildlife and gives the water a cloudy and green appearance.

What can you do? When taking your pets for walks and exercise please take the time to pick up after your pets. Properly disposing of the pet waste in a sealed bag and then into the trash, will help reduce

the pollutants in our waterways and make our public areas safe for all community members to enjoy. As the summer approaches, it is particularly important to take extra care in our public parks and streets where other community members like to enjoy the outdoors, including children and residents from outside our village. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at altamontstormwater@gmail.com or visit our Facebook page at Village of Altamont Stormwater Education.

Village to Prohibit Tobacco in its Parks

At its June meeting the Board of Trustees passed a resolution to establish its Village parks as tobacco-free. Tobacco-free park policies enjoy overwhelming support of Capital District residents. A 2013 Community Survey con-

ducted by Siena Research Institute found that 81% of Capital District residents favor smoke free playgrounds - including 3 out of every 4 current smokers. Even in outdoor settings, secondhand smoke is especially harmful

to children and adults with asthma or other chronic conditions. The new tobacco-free policy will communicate a positive message to the community that tobacco use is not compatible with an active, healthy lifestyle.

Altamont Free Library Celebrates it's 100 Anniversary

The Altamont Free Library has served the Village and surrounding community for 100 years this month. They are hosting a number of celebrations throughout the rest of 2016. There are lots of ways

you can participate, from collecting 100 cans of food for the Altamont Food Pantry to pledging to read 100 books in 2016. One important way to share this milestone is to contribute to the Altamont

Free Library Centennial Fund. Visit the Library's webpage to learn more about upcoming Centennial Events and how to make a contribution.

www.altamontfreelibrary.org



Seeking Volunteers!

Do you want to provide a vital service to your community?

Altamont Volunteer Fire Department has opportunities from ground support to actual fire fighting.

Stop by any Monday evening and check them out.

Altamont Volunteer Fire Department hosts more events in 2016

The Ladies Auxiliary will hold the Annual Back to School Drive thru Brooks BBQ on Friday, September 9th starting at 3:30 pm until sold out. Both Chicken and Ribs will be available. On Friday,

October 14th, members will host the annual open house to educate the young and old on fire safety and prevention, provide information for those interested in volunteering, and hold a fundraising dinner.

The Annual Night of Comedy will be on Saturday, November 5th. Be sure to check their facebook page and the village website for details on all Altamont Volunteer Fire Department events.

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Calendar

JUNE

Property Taxes Mailed 6/1
Village Board Meeting 6/7
AES Lemonade Stand 6/9
ACT Strawberry Social 6/21
Orsini Park

JULY

Village Offices Closed 7/4
4th of July Holiday
AFL Concert in the Park 7/5
Orsini Park
AFL Concert in the Park 7/12
Orsini Park
AFD Movies in the Park 7/15
Orsini Park
AFL Concert in the Park 7/19
Orsini Park
Village Board Meeting 7/19
St. John's Ice Cream Social 7/20
Orsini Park
AFD Movies in the Park 7/22
Orsini Park

AFL Concert in the Park 7/29
Orsini Park

AUGUST

AFL Concert in the Park 8/2
Orsini Park
AFD Movies in the Park 8/5
Orsini Park
AFL Concert in the Park 8/9
Orsini Park
Altamont Fair Week 8/16 – 8/21
AFD Movies in the Park 8/26
Orsini Park

SEPTEMBER

Village Offices Closed 9/5
Labor Day Holiday
Village Board Meeting 9/6
AFD Brooks BBQ 9/9
AFD 9/11 Memorial Service 9/11

OCTOBER

Village Board Meeting 10/4

Village Offices Closed 10/10
Columbus Day Holiday

AFD Open House & Family 10/14
Dinner
AFD Halloween Parade 10/31

NOVEMBER

Village Board Meeting 11/1
AFD Comedy Night 11/5
Community Room
General Election 11/8
Community Room
Village Offices Closed 11/11
Veterans Day Holiday

Village Offices Closed 11/24 & 25

DECEMBER

Village Board Meeting 12/6
ACT Victorian Holidays 12/11
AFD Santa Stroll 12/18
Village Offices Closed 12/26
Christmas Holiday Observed