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From the Mayor's Desk

Families and Friends,

Happy spring! It was a long winter and it is nice to see so many residents out enjoying the sunshine, playing in the parks, and walking their dogs. If you haven't had the chance to get out and enjoy the warmer temperatures, it is the perfect time as the trees and flowers have just started to bloom creating a beautiful walk up Main Street.

I would like to thank the Altamont Community Tradition (ACT) volunteer group who organized the Village Green and Clean day on April 21st. This is an annual earth day event where volunteers work with our Village gardeners to do a spring clean up in our parks and prepare the gardens for the growing season to come. Working along side of the ACT members were Village residents, the Girl Scouts, and Boy Scouts of America. We really appreciate all those who came out to help and the parks look wonderful.

Additionally, I would like to acknowledge Kristin Casey, Kristin is an Altamont resident who has been working with the Albany County Age-Friendly Communities Council helping organize county meetings and representing the Village of Altamont. The Council has worked to outline services offered by each municipality and they are working together to identify ways to insure everyone has access to services available in Albany County. This is really important work and I thank Kristin for representing Altamont and bringing us information from the council.

Please take notice that Village is partnering with Nixle. Nixle allows for on-going communication about events that directly affect residents. You can be notified by text or email about emergency or community focused events simply by opting in on the Nixle site. We encourage everyone to use the service as it has no cost and will help keep residents safe and

informed.

Summer is a wonderful time in the Village, specifically in our parks. The Village pool, water aerobic classes, playgrounds and summer camp program continue to be second to none. The Altamont Free Library summer concert series will have you dancing in Orsini Park! If you have never had the opportunity to attend, I strongly encourage you to come on out and enjoy the amazing musical talent!

Please check the Village website for more information about Village services, upcoming events, meeting minutes, many other items of interest. On behalf of myself and the Village Board of Trustees, we wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer season!

Best,
Kerry Dineen
Mayor of Altamont

Property Taxes Mailed June 1st

Property Taxes are levied June 1, 2018 and payable without penalty to Catherine Hasbrouck, Village Treasurer by July 2nd. 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 2, 2018 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 518-447-7062 for the current amount due.

Village Code Reminders for Residents & Business Owners

Residents

The summer months bring families outdoors and soon those backyard project plans start popping in your head. As a reminder, many common home projects require a permit from our Village Building Inspector. The construction of sheds, fences, or the installation of a pool require a building permit.

Additionally, all residents should be aware of the following: all unregistered vehicles may only be stored in an enclosed garage, not in the side or back yard. Camping, RV or work related trailers must be kept in the rear of the owners

property.

When enjoying a stroll with your dog, please abide by the Village's pooper scooper law. We ask that you discard those baggies at home. Through a grant from Albany County Soil and Water, Village DPW has obtained three pet waste disposal stations that will be located in Orsini, Schilling, and Bozenkill Parks when emergencies arise.

Residents are reminded that NYS Law requires vehicles to yield the right of way to pedestrians using crosswalks. We encourage all residents to use our

crosswalks when crossing our busy streets to stay safe and avoid injury. Additionally, if you are visiting one of the Village parks, please remember that there is a carry in-carryout policy for trash. Lastly, our Village parks have a smoke-free policy and we ask that you help create a clean and healthy environment for all village residents and visitors to enjoy.

Businesses and

Organizations

Please remember that each business and organization is allowed to display one sandwich board style sign during their regular operat-

ing hours. The sign may be placed on the sidewalk where it does not impede pedestrian flow, sight line or create other hazards.

Organizations may place a sandwich board sign in Orsini Park one week prior to their event. Permission from the Village is required.

We also ask business owners to remind their delivery drivers to only stop and unload in designated parking areas.

Finally, any business or organization wishing to host an event in one of our beautiful parks, please contact the Village Hall to check availability and fill out an application.

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 from 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.



AFD 125th is filled with events!

The members of the Altamont Fire Department will host a number of family fun movies in Orsini Park during the months of July and August. As always, the popcorn will be provided free of charge.

Celebrating the department's 125th anniversary this year, the members are



hosting a community celebration mid-summer. Specific details and date will be published both on the departments Facebook page and the Village Website early July.

On September 11th, residents are invited to join the members for a short 9/11 Memorial Service followed by light refreshments at the Fireman's Memorial located next to the Altamont Fire Department.

On Halloween night, members in costumes will be distributing safety sticks and goody bags to children from the gazebo in Orsini

park.

The Night of Comedy will be held in early November and in honor of our nations veterans, they will receive free admission again this year.

The members will assist Santa during the Annual Santa Stroll throughout the Village. Will Santa be stopping by your house this year?

Be sure to check the department's Facebook page and the Village Website for details on all these events and other activities of the Altamont Volunteer Fire Department.

Summer Events and Activities 2018

Summer time offers residents, family and friends the ability to gather and enjoy a number of events and activities.

The Bozenkill Park pool will open on Saturday, June 16th and remain open through Sunday, September 2nd.

Altamont Community Tradition will host their Annual Strawberry Social in Orsini Park on Tuesday, June 19th.

Bozenkill Park Summer Camp begins on Monday, June 25th and will continue through Friday, August 3rd.

The Altamont Free Library will host the their Annual Chicken

Barbeque on Friday, June 15th. Wagon Train BBQ will be served.

Altamont Free Library will host Concerts in the Park every Tuesday evening beginning Tuesday, July 10th. The final concert will be held on Tuesday, August 14th.

On Wednesday, July 25th, families are invited to bring a picnic dinner to Bozenkill Park and join in the family activities and games hosted by the Village Bozenkill Park Staff.

The 126th Altamont Fair will be held Tuesday, August 14th through Sunday, August 19th.

The Altamont 5k Run is schedule for Saturday, August 25th and will start from Bozenkill Park.

The Village of Altamont will host the third annual Altamont Fall Festival in early fall.

ACT Victorian Holiday Celebration will start with a wine and cheese reception at the Masonic Hall on Saturday, December 8th and continue Sunday, December 9th with Winter Markets throughout the village, house tours and finally the arrival of Santa at the historic train station.

Be sure to visit

the Village

website for

updated

details on all

community

events



Village Continues Protecting Stormwater

The village storm water staff would like to thank all our residents who utilize our pet waste stations located in our community parks.

By utilizing these stations, we are eliminating pet waste from our parks and helping to ensure a healthy and safe environment for all to enjoy, as well as keeping pollutants out of our storm water and ultimately out of our streams and creeks.

Here are a few other healthy household habits for clean water:

Use commercial car wash or wash your car on a lawn or other unpaved surface to minimize dirty, soapy water flowing into the storm water system.

Check you car, equipment or other machinery for leaks and spills, make repairs as soon as possible and clean up spilled fluids with absorbent material and dispose of properly to avoid

fluids from entering our storm drains. Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly, use the recommended amount and avoid applying these chemicals if rain is in the forecast.

The village storm water staff would like to thank all our residents for helping keep our creeks and streams free of pollutants and debris.

Village Partners with Nixle

Altamont is now a part of the Nixle public communications platform which allows the Village and its departments (Police, Fire, Public Works) to easily communicate important information to residents.

The easiest way to sign up for Nixle is by texting the word "ALTAMONT" to 888-777 to receive messages from the Village. Or text the zip code "12009" to 888-777 to sign up for alerts from Altamont and the Town of Guilderland. If you previously signed up using "12009", you should automatically receive both Guilderland and Village notifications.

There are 3 types of Nixle messages: Alerts, Advisories and Community Messages. Alerts are considered the most urgent messages that require immediate action by residents (wildfire, missing person, gas leak). Advisories are important need-to-know information that is less critical (road closures, parking restrictions, water main break). Community Messages are non-critical updates like event reminders.

By default Alerts and Advisories are sent via text message or via email, whereas Community Messages are only emailed. On the Nixle website,

Users can customize which types of messages they want sent via text message, and customize those settings for each agency they sign up to receive messages from. For example, you could get all messages as texts from Altamont, Alerts and Advisories from Guilderland and only Alerts from Albany.

Village residents who have questions or need help signing up or customizing Nixle can email Altamont-Nixle@gmail.com for assistance. The Village will send out a TEST message in approximately one month, but real messages might be sent sooner (as needed).

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Community Calendar

JUNE

Village Board Meeting	6/5
AFL Chicken BBQ	6/15
Bozenkill Park Pool Opens	6/16
ACT Strawberry Social	6/19

JULY

Village Offices closed	7/4
Fourth of July Observed	
AFL Concert in the Park	7/10
AFL Concert in the Park	7/17
Village Board Meeting	7/17
AFL Concert in the Park	7/24
Family Fun Night Bozenkill Park	7/25
AFL Concert in the Park	7/31

AUGUST

AFL Concert in the Park	8/7
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Village Board Meeting	8/7
(If Needed)	
AFL Concert in the Park	8/14
Altamont Fair	8/14 to 8/19
Altamont 5K Run	8/25

SEPTEMBER

Village Offices Closed	9/3
Labor Day Observed	

Village Board Meeting	9/5
AFD 9/11 Memorial Service	9/11
Altamont Fall Festival	TBD

OCTOBER

Village Board Meeting	10/2
Villages Offices Closed	10/8
Columbus Day Observed	
AFD Open House	TBD

NOVEMBER

Village Board Meeting	11/7
Village Offices Closed	11/12
Veteran's Day Observed	
AFD Comedy Night	TBD
Village Offices Closed	11/22-23

Thanksgiving Observed

DECEMBER

Village Board Meeting	12/4
ACT Victorian Holiday	12/8-9
AFD Santa Stroll	TBD
Village Offices Closed	12/25

Christmas Observed

**LOOK FOR MORE DETAILS ON
ALL THESE AND OTHER EVENTS
ON THE VILLAGE WEBSITE
www.altamontvillage.org**