

Village of Altamont

Winter 2013 Newsletter

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Village Election

Village Elections will be held on Tuesday, March 19 at 115 Main Street in the Community Room. Polls will be open from noon to 9 pm. Election of Mayor, 2 Trustees and a Village Justice will be conducted. The term of office for each position is four years. If you are unable to vote due to vacation, illness or other commitment, absentee ballot applications are available at the Village Hall. Application deadlines vary, please call Village Clerk for more information.

I Love My Library Gala

The seventh annual I Love My Library dinner and auction will be held on the evening of Saturday, February 23rd. Dust off your festive garb because this year's theme is Celebrate! The library is celebrating the completion of their new home, and the tremendous support of the community that got us here.

For the first time, the gala is honoring esteemed members of our community. Honorees this year are Mayor James Gaughan and Master Gardener Keith Lee. Mayor Gaughan is being recognized for his ongoing support in preserving a community landmark, the 1897 Delaware & Hudson train station, new home to the Altamont Free Library. Mr. Lee is being honored for his legacy of volunteerism and beautification that has helped to preserve the unique character of Altamont.

Invitations to the event, which includes hors d'oeuvres, a catered dinner, delicious desserts, soft drinks (BYOB) and fabulous auction items, are available at the library. The cost is \$ 50 per person. This is the library's most successful fundraiser and always sells out. The Library Board and Staff look forward to seeing you there!

Village Election Registration Day

Residents may register to vote in the upcoming Village Election on Saturday, March 9 at the Village Hall between Noon and 5 pm. Residents may contact Albany County Board of Elections at 487-5060 to verify their current status of registration at any time.



Winter Parking Regulations

The parking of vehicles is prohibited on all highways and streets within the Village of Altamont between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 7:00 am through May 1st. Overnight parking is permitted at the municipal lot on Maple Avenue behind the Altamont Enterprise. The small municipal lot at Maple and Main and the large municipal lot by the library provides two hour parking only throughout the winter.

Early Village Board changed many original street names.

The following is an excerpt from the Altamont Enterprise March 5, 1892 issue. "The Board met in special session on Friday evening, Feb. 26, all the members present. The following resolution was adopted. Ayes - 4. Resolved, That the several streets of the village be hereafter known and designated by the several names adopted by this Board, as follows:

1. The street running from the D. & H. railroad tracks west, as Helderberg Avenue.
2. The street heretofore known as Prospect Avenue, to be hereafter named Prospect Terrace.
3. The street known as Maple Avenue to be continued as such.
4. The street immediately east of the Park to be named Park Place.
5. The street formerly known as First St. to be hereafter named Lark St.
7. The street formerly known as Mill St to be hereafter designated Maiden Lane.
8. Grand St. to be continued as such.
9. Euclid Ave to be continued as such.
10. The avenue heretofore known as Brookside Lane, to be hereafter known as Western Ave.
11. The road running south of the farm of Elmer Severson, to be known as Indian Ladder road.
12. The avenue formerly known as Township road, to be hereafter designated Knox Ave.
13. The new street to be hereafter known as Dunnsville road.
14. The street opened by Jacob Crounse to be hereafter designated as Maple Court.
15. The street running east from Maple Ave., to Lincoln Ave., to be known as Jay St."

After reviewing a number of maps, dating back to 1897, our founding fathers might get lost in our small village if looking for a few of these streets. Examples include Maiden Lane was reverted back to Mill Street, Park Place was renamed Park Street, Indian Ladder Road became Brandle Road, Township Road was changed to Knox Ave and then reverted back to Township Road, Dunnsville Road has sometimes been listed as Silver Lane and the street opened by Jacob Crounse was originally called Maple Court. It ran beside what today is the Masonic Hall between Maple Avenue and Lincoln Avenue.

Sidewalk Snow Removal

The Village of Altamont will remove snow from sidewalks after major storms but it is the residents' responsibility to keep the sidewalks clear of ice and snow after minor snow storms and throughout the winter months. The Department of Public Works requests that residents also keep sidewalks clear of debris such as newspapers, trash containers and other foreign objects can be hazardous to both the equipment and workmen.

Altamont Seniors Services Grow

A number of enhancements have been made to the services offered to Altamont Senior Citizens in 2012. The Village of Altamont, working with Guilderland Senior Transportation Services, now provides Altamont Seniors the opportunity on Monday mornings to shop at Wal-mart, Crossgates and Stuyvesant Plaza and on Thursday mornings at the Twenty Mall Price Chopper. Seniors wishing to participate should contact Neil Spawn, Town of Guilderland Senior Transportation Service at 356-2920 for more information. This service allows for door to door pickup, access to a variety of shopping venues and an increased availability for transportation on Thursdays for medical/dental appointments. Altamont Senior Transportation services will continue to provide transportation for medical, dental and other vital appointments on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays for seniors. Transportation to the Senior Luncheons on Tuesday will continue as usual. Any Senior needing transportation to medical/dental appointments or luncheons, should contact Stan Dean at 861-6030 for more information.

Altamont Senior Luncheons are held on Tuesdays at noon at St. Lucy's Parish Center. Seniors are now provided with a choice of a hot or cold entree. Luncheons provide Seniors the opportunity to socialize, participate in programs and enjoy occasional entertainment. There is no charge for meals but contributions are welcome. Luncheons are open to anyone 60 years or older. For more information, contact Stan Dean at 861-6030. This meal program is supported by Albany County Department for Aging and NYS Office for Aging.

Spring Yard Waste Collection

Brush and leaf collection will start on April 1st. Leaves must be in biodegradable paper bags. Bags must be closed and sealed. Please do not include bottles, cans or any foreign refuse in the bags as it could be hazardous to the equipment and the workmen. Brush and branches must be no larger than 2" in diameter, bundled in twine, and no longer than 4' in length. Bags and brush should not be placed on pavement or in ditches as they could inhibit the flow of storm water.

Village Justice to at end of term

The Honorable Neil Taber, a Village Justice for Altamont, has announced that he will not be seeking re-election for another term this March as he intends to retire at the end of his current term, ending March 31, 2013. Judge Taber has served as a Village Justice for 32 years. During his time on the bench, Judge Taber presided over numerous criminal, civil and traffic matters, including the 1990 murder Kimberly Decker, which to date is only murder to have occurred in the Village's 123 year history. Judge Taber looks forward to spending more time with his wife, Dorothy, their children and grandchildren and he will likely continue to pursue his many hobbies, including his passion for radio-controlled planes and fishing. Having worked in multiple positions of public service over the years, as a former officer with the Albany County Sheriff's Department, volunteer fireman, member of the Altamont Rescue Squad, and the past 32 years as a Village Justice, Judge Taber certainly has earned his right to finally step back and enjoy life without middle of the night arraignments!



Justice Neil A. Taber & Court Clerk Stacy Loucks

Altamont Fire Department Annual Ball

Have you got Cabin Fever? Well we've got the cure! On March 23, 2013 the Altamont Fire Department will be holding its Annual Firemen's Ball at the Village Hall. This is our major fundraiser of the year where we turn up the music, turn down the lights and dance the night away.

The doors will open at 6:00 pm and dancing will commence at 7:00pm. We will be serving a hot and cold buffet as well as beer, wine, and soda. Mixers (juices and soda) will be available, but you must BYOB (bring your own bottle). Also during the night we will be giving away an abundance of door prizes and holding a silent auction. Last year the local businesses in the area donated over 70 items!

If you are interested in joining us for the festivities or making a monetary or prize donation please contact us at 859-7525. You can also respond by returning the bottom portion of the letter you will be receiving in the mail. Tickets are \$25 per person which includes everything previously mentioned. Remember, this is a semi-formal event so dress to impress!

Summer Employment Opportunities

The Village of Altamont is accepting applications for seasonal part time employment at Bozenkill Park and in Public Works. The positions available include Lifeguards, Booth Attendants, Camp Counselors, and Laborers. Call the Village Offices at 861-8554 for an application.

Spring Water Flushing

The Village of Altamont will be start hydrant flushing on April 1st. Flushing will occur between the hours of 8:30 am to 3:00 pm Mondays through Fridays. During the cycle, residents may experience discoloration in their water. Residents should check their water prior to doing laundry. For additional information, contact the Village.

Calendar February through May

FEBRUARY

Village Board Meeting	2/5
Village Offices Closed President's Day	2/18
I Love My Library Gala	2/23

MARCH

Village Board Meeting	3/5
Budget Workshops	3/12 3/20
Voter Registration Noon to 5 pm	3/9 3/10
Daylight Savings Time Begins	

Village Election
Noon to 9 pm 3/19

Annual Fireman's Ball 3/23

APRIL

Water & Sewer Bills Mailed	4/1
Water Main Flushing Begins	4/1
Spring Brush Pickup Begins	4/1
Village Organizational Meeting & Budget hearing	4/2
Village Board Meeting	4/2
ACT Green & Clean Day	4/27

MAY

Water Restrictions Begins	5/1
Winter Parking Restrictions End	5/1
Annual Water Report Released	5/1
AES PTA Village Wide Garage Sale	5/4
VFW Loyalty Day	5/4
Village Board Meeting	5/7
Memorial Day Parade	5/19
Village Offices Closed Memorial Day	5/27

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