

# Village of Altamont

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**ARCHIVES AND MUSEUM ANNOUNCES BOOK RELEASE AND NEW EXHIBIT**

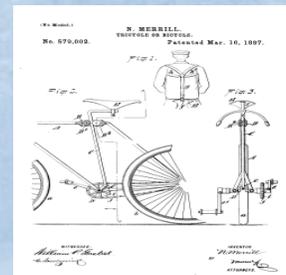
The upcoming book titled *Images of America: Altamont* has been submitted to Arcadia Publishing. Author Keith Lee was assisted in the production of the book by volunteers Connie Rue (Research), Ron Ginzburg (Image Production), and Laura Shore (Editing Assistant). The Curator for the Archives, Marijo Dougherty, was the project director. A grant from the Altamont Community Tradition (ACT) along with private donations helped fund the project. A spring book signing event will be held in the Village Hall.

The cataloguing and re-

cording of some 60 historic letters is nearing completion. The handwritten letters were penned by Mary C. Crouse (1832-67) and sent to her parents, Dr. Frederick and Mrs. Frederick Crouse, (formerly of Rt. 146 and Grand Street). The letters were written while she attended the NYS Teachers College in Albany. Annette Kramer, an archives volunteer, has been diligently interpreting and transferring the text to a searchable database. This process protects the letters from any further deterioration, making the text of the letters available for re-

searchers and other viewing.

The next exhibition in the Hallway Gallery will open in early February. Titled **Ingenious Minds: Early Altamont Inventors**. The exhibit features the inventions of Charles V. Beebe; Alanson Dietz; Philip Edelman; Fay C. Hayes; John Mersellus; Nelson Merrill; W. G. Seeley; Wheeler D. Wright, and many more.



**VILLAGE HISTORY NOW ON FACEBOOK**

Charles V. Beebe (1856-1936) started his business as a harness-maker in 1868 in Guilderland Center, before opening his shop in Altamont in 1891. He continued working at his trade until just a few weeks before his death. Charles Beebe was known for his

high quality harness goods. His reputation earned him patrons from Altamont and many outlying areas. Mr. Beebe received a US Patent in 1887 for his seat for agricultural machines. The object of the invention was to create a swinging seat that would protect the

driver from injury from sudden jerks and jolts of the machine. He was a charter member of the Altamont Hose Company, and President of the Village 1899-1901.

(Visit the Village of Altamont Archives and Museum Facebook page for more village history)



Charles V. Beebe, wife Amanda & daughter Edna

### 7TH ANNUAL LIBRARY GALA

The Altamont Free Library will be holding its 7th annual fund-raising Gala on Saturday, February 8th. This year's celebratory evening will be honoring Kenneth D. Runion, long time Supervisor of the Town of Guilderland and former Mayor of Altamont. Mr. Runion is an Altamont resident and has always been a strong supporter of his hometown library. When the Library initially purchased the train station, it

worked with Mr. Runion and the Town of Guilderland to secure a bond that allowed for the acquisition of the station. Without this initial assistance, the Library would have been unable to begin the work that made our new home possible.

As always, this year's Gala, which features a Winter Wonderland theme, promises a deliciously decadent meal, an ideal opportunity for fun with old and new

friends, and both silent and live auctions featuring a wide variety of interesting items.

Since its first year, the Gala has always sold out and has been, by far, the Library's most important fundraiser. The Library wishes to thank Gala attendees and donors for their steadfast and generous support. To buy tickets to this years event, contact Pat at 861-6939 or stop by the Library.



Kenneth D. Runion  
Town of Guilderland  
Supervisor

*“One Kind  
Word Can  
Warm Three  
Winter  
Months”*

Japanese  
Proverb

#### FROM THE DESK OF POLICE CHIEF PUCCI:

Once again, the winter months are upon us, so I'd like to take this opportunity to remind our residents about winter parking regulations, on the streets between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 7:00 am, between November 1st and May 1st. During this

period, the Police Department will often issue warning tickets to vehicles in violation as a reminder of the Village Code. Unfortunately, if there is a pending snow storm or a declared winter emergency, vehicles in violation will be is-

sued parking citations and will be towed to allow for proper plowing. Please be considerate, and thank you for your compliance. Your cooperation will allow for easier snow removal and safer streets for all of us.

#### 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 or visit our website at [altamontvillage.org](http://altamontvillage.org)



**WINTER SIDEWALKS AND ROADWAY TIPS**

The Department of Public Works staff work diligently to clear sidewalks of snow, however, under NYS and Village Law it is the responsibility of the homeowner to keep sidewalks free of

snow and ice. Jeff Moller, Superintendent of Public Works, requests that residents also keep sidewalks clear of debris such as newspapers, trash containers and other for-

eign objects that can be hazardous to both the equipment and workmen. Snow banks can create hazard for both children and drivers. Children tend to climb and

play near snow banks and may accidently fall into roadways. Snow banks may also create slight line issues entering and exiting driveways, drivers should use caution.

**ALTAMONT FIRE DEPARTMENT WILL HOST DINNER THEATER IN MARCH**

This year the Altamont Fire Department Annual Ball will include a rip roaring interactive dinner theater on Saturday, March 22, 2014 in the Village Community Room. A production of "A Red Hot Wedding" will be hosted by the Home Made Theater Group. For a hot time that makes firehouse four-alarm chili look like baby food, come feast on the fun and frivolity as two very different families become one. The Chief's daughter has fallen in love with one of the fire department's Lieutenants and sparks will fly at this fiery wedding. The evening allows guests to eat, drink,

dance, converse and allow themselves to be caught up in the madcap activities. There will be an opportunity for some of the guests to star in a supporting role as a family member or friend at this wedding. Every family has their oddball or two and here is a chance for you to be one. Information will be included in the letters sent out in early February and on the Altamont Village website for those interested in participating. Included in this year's festivities will be the interactive theater program, dancing, a buffet dinner and beer, wine and soda. A

cocktail hour will be held from 6 pm to 7 pm. The "Wedding" ceremony will begin at 7 pm. Dinner will follow the ceremony. Throughout the evening, the interaction will have you laughing. Tickets are \$ 30.00 per person and will be on sale until March 15th. Tickets may be obtained either by mail or at the Village Hall during regular business hours. This is the Altamont Fire Departments annual fundraiser and the members truly appreciate your support.

**2014 AFD LINE OFFICERS**

- Chief Robert White
- 1st Asst. Chief Paul Miller
- 2nd Asst. Chief Mark Huggins
- Capt. Kyle Haines
- 1st Lt. Thomas Tubbs
- 2nd Lt. Laura Tubbs
- 2nd Lt. Michael Hale
- 2nd Lt. Alex Olivares

**2014 AFD CIVIL OFFICERS**

- President Todd Kedik
- Vice President Dave Cowan
- Secretary Jane Huggins
- Treasurer Kelly Best
- Sergeant-at-Arms Joseph Dover

**SPRING WATER FLUSHING**

The Village of Altamont will start hydrant flushing on April 1st. Flushing will occur between the hours of 8:30 am to 3:00 pm Monday through Friday. 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 Office.

**SPRING BRUSH PICK-UP**

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 workman.

Brush and branches must be no longer 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.

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**C A L E N D A R**

**FEBRUARY**

Village Board Meeting 2/4  
 I Love My Library Gala 2/8  
 Village Offices Closed 2/17  
 President's Day

**MARCH**

Village Board Meeting 3/4  
 Budget Workshops 3/6  
 (if needed) 3/20  
 3/27  
 Daylight Saving Time Begins 3/9  
 Annual Fireman's Ball 3/22

**APRIL**

Water and Sewer Bills Mailed 4/1

Water Main Flushing Begins 4/1  
 Spring Brush Pick-up Begins 4/1  
 Village Organizational Meeting  
 And Budget Hearing 4/1  
 Village Board Meeting 4/1  
 ACT Green and Clean Day 4/26

**MAY**

Water Restrictions Begin 5/1  
 Winter Parking Restrictions End 5/1  
 Annual Water Report Released 5/1  
 AES PTA Village Wide Garage Sale 5/3  
 VFW Loyalty Day 5/3  
 Village Board Meeting 5/6  
 Memorial Day Parade 5/18  
 Village Offices Closed 5/26  
 Memorial Day

