

## MAYOR'S NOTES

### Village Summer Activities

The charm and beauty of our Village doesn't go without notice. Our village streets and public gardens are a tribute to the hard work of DPW staff's and garden volunteers' meticulous work. Residents demonstrate great pride in their properties and welcome visitors to share in the beauty of our Village – and there are many activities on the docket for the coming months to share !

Altamont Free Library's BBQ takes place tomorrow June 17<sup>th</sup> in Orsini Park. Altamont Community Tradition's Strawberry Social follows on June 21<sup>st</sup>.

For more than a decade, ACT has done much to celebrate our community's cultural and historic heritage. The ACT strawberry social is the unofficial beginning of the summer season, an entry to the many Village activities planned this summer, just as the St. John's Lutheran Church's Annual Ice Cream Social punctuates mid summer, on July 20<sup>th</sup> this year.

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 the summer. 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 web page ([www.altamontfreelibrary.org](http://www.altamontfreelibrary.org)) to learn more about up coming Centennial events and how to make a contribution.

The Village will host the Farmer's Market starting in July at the Altamont Free Library train station grounds. Food stamps are accepted and vouchers coupons are available too. Starting on July 5<sup>th</sup> , the Altamont Free Library summer concerts kick off with Three Quarter North; Rusticator will perform on July 12<sup>th</sup>; Jon Ouckama takes the stage on July 19<sup>th</sup>; Marty Wendell and his band appear on July 26<sup>th</sup>; Scotty Mac's Roadshow will perform on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Tommy Verrigni Trio will close the season on August 9<sup>th</sup>

Movies at Dusk are back again ! Members of the Altamont Volunteer Fire Department are excited to offer four nights of fun free family movies in Orsini Park, including July 15<sup>th</sup>, July 29<sup>th</sup>, August 5<sup>th</sup> and August 26<sup>th</sup>. As always, the popcorn is free at the Movies at Dusk.

The Crupe Bozenkill Park Summer Camp will begin on June 27<sup>th</sup> and continue through

August 5<sup>th</sup> for children between the ages of 6 and 14. Camp hours are 8:30 am to noon. Activities will include swimming, games and sport activities. Swim lessons are being offered to children ages 3 and up. More information and registration forms are available on the Village website. There are a few openings in some of the sessions.

Altamont senior citizen trips are 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 interest. 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 as 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.

Take a local trip to the Altamont Village archives collection when you get a chance. Learn more about upcoming exhibitions on the Archives Face book page. Coming in the fall, a new Hallway Exhibit FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT: 100 Years of the Altamont Free Library. The exhibition is 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.

### Tobacco-free Parks

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

### New Businesses in the Village

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 and shares the storefront with Remedies Wine and Spirits. They are open weekdays 9 am to 6 pm and Saturdays 9 am to 4:30 pm. Remedies Wine and Spirits offers a wide selection of your favorite wines and liquors. They are 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. They are 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](http://altamontvillage.org)

Enjoy the summer and this beautiful Village. Please check our website: [AltamontVillage.org](http://AltamontVillage.org), call our office at 861-8554 (X10), or write me a note at [AltamontMayor@aol.com](mailto:AltamontMayor@aol.com) if you have questions about our summer activities or Village services.