

Village of Altamont Newsletter

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I Love My Library Gala

This Year's I Love My Library Gala will be on Saturday, February 11th. The Library thanks all the attendees who have made this a sell-out event every year, and all the businesses and individuals who have donated fabulous auction items. This year's theme is inspired by the children's book *The Little Engine That Could* and celebrates the Library's near completion of the train station renovations. For ticket inquiries, please call the Library at 861-7239.

Speaking of the train station, the Library is very excited by our progress towards completion. If you haven't seen



the interior in a while, we encourage you to peak in the window. The sheet rock and bead board are all up and the radiant heat and hardwood floor are going in soon. We look forward to announcing our opening date this spring.

Meanwhile, the Masons have been tremendously generous hosts and the Masonic Temple on Maple Avenue is a

great temporary home. We have about 20% of our collection here, as well as an array of story times, book discussions and events for kids and adults. Check our website: altamontfreelibrary.org or be a fan on Facebook for up-to-date program information.



Archives and Museum News

The exhibition *Then and Now: Images of Altamont's Past and Present* continues in the public Hallway Gallery throughout the winter months. Within the archives, the volunteer staff has completed reviewing and processing some 85% of our existing files and records. We are discovering, while researching the material, some fascinating stories and images on the history of Altamont which we are hop-

ing to publish soon. We are in the proposal stage with Arcadia Publishing to publish a book on Altamont. The successful *I Remember Altamont* series, begun in collaboration with Cindy Pollard, Proprietor of The Home Front Café and her committee, will continue over the spring and summer.

We welcome to the Volunteer staff two new volunteers: Kristin Zielinske and Shawna Reilly. We still are

in need of a volunteer with interest and working knowledge of Deeds, Documents and Maps to help in processing this collection. We would also like to alert residents that the archives is actively seeking original Deeds and Documents, or copies, of Altamont residences for research purposes. Person willing to do data entry on the computer are always welcome.

Senior Program



Gagolotti Family Home
C. 1887
(Maple Avenue - Side View)

Digital Scans by Ron
Ginsburg

Altamont Archives and
Museum

F. S. Lape Altamont Paint and
Paper Store
(Maple Avenue)



Altamont Senior Citizens enjoyed another year of congregate meal luncheons, entertainment, activities and special trips in 2011.

This year the Seniors traveled to the Turning Stone in Oneida County for bingo; Holyoke Log Cabin for Lobsterfest 2011 with the Riverboat Ramblers, and enjoyed the Captain's Lunch Buffet and 2 hour cruise on Lake George. Traveling south, the group indulged in

A Slice of Brooklyn tour which offered pizza stops throughout the borough, while visiting movie locations and a stop at Coney Island. This is just a few of the trips taken by the seniors in 2011.

While not on the road, Altamont Seniors enjoyed the songs and merriment of the Wrinkled Ramblers, bluegrass music by the Fairview Avenue Band and even a luau party hosted by "The

Soul Man" Donald Hyman.

Judith Wines and Linda Cure led the group in creating centerpieces for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Altamont Seniors meet on Tuesdays at 12:30 pm for lunch at St. Lucy's Parish Center. The program is open to all seniors 60 years and older. Transportation services are also offered to luncheon, grocery shopping and medical appointments.

Understanding the "Move Over Act"

The Ambrose-Searles Move Over Act, which went into effect on January 1, 2011 requires motorist to use extreme caution to avoid an accident when approaching an emergency service vehicle parked, stopped or standing on the shoulder of a road or highway with its red flashing emergency

lights activated. As of January 1st, 2012 the law has been expanded to include vehicles with amber flashing lights. Drivers will also be required to change lanes when tow truck operators, highway maintenance workers, or authorized personnel are involved in roadside assistance.

Drivers who violate the Move Over law could be fined up to \$ 275, plus a court surcharge of \$ 85, and sentenced up to 15 days in jail. The driver also could be assessed three points on their driving record.

Simply put "If you can't move over, slow down. If you can't slow down, move over".

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.

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 after minor snow storms. The Department of Public Works requests that residents also keep sidewalks clear of debris during the winter months. Items such as newspapers, trash containers and other foreign objects can be hazardous to both the equipment and workmen.

Parking Regulations Reminder

New parking regulations were adopted in September within the Village Business District.

Parking at the Main Street Municipal lot (next to the Train Station) and the Maple Avenue small municipal lot (corner of Maple and Main) will be two hour parking with no overnight parking.

The large municipal lot on Maple Avenue (behind the Enterprise) is unlimited day-time parking and includes overnight parking for area tenants.

Winter parking regulations prohibit parking on the streets between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 7:00 am beginning November 1st and ending May 1st.

Altamont Fire Department Annual Ball

Come celebrate St. Patrick's Day with us! On Saturday, March 17th the Altamont Fire Department will host its Annual Ball in the Village Community Room. 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 7:00 pm. 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 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 upcoming 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 but don't forget to add a touch or two of green.



March 17, 2012
Annual
Fireman's
Ball

Mio Vino Wine Bar & Bistro Opens

After a extensive renovation, Mio Vino Wine Bar & Bistro is now open. Located at 186 Main Street, the restaurant opens everyday at 5 pm except Tuesdays. Mio Vino offers dinners and pub fare including wood fired pizzas and homemade ice cream.



14th for Valentines Day.

Although not usually open on Tuesdays, Mio Vino Wine Bar & Bistro will be open on Tuesday, February

Visit their website at miovinowinebar.com to view menus, upcoming events and special offerings.

Spring Yard Waste Collection

Brush and leaf collection will start on April 2nd. 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.

Sidewalk Funding Awarded

The Village of Altamont has been awarded a grant of \$ 130,000. from NYS Department of Transportation for the construction of sidewalk along NY State Route 397 (Western Avenue) under the Multi-Modal Program.

Construction will start in the spring of 2012 and will be completed by the fall of 2012.

The work will consist of the construction of 1,000 LF of sidewalk along NY State Route 397 from Gun Club Road to the

terminus of existing sidewalk on Western Avenue.



Spring Water Flushing

The Village of Altamont will start hydrant on April 9th. 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 prior to doing laundry. For additional information, contact the Village Office.

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Calendar

FEBRUARY

Village Board Meeting 2/7
I Love My Library Gala 2/11
Village Offices Closed
President's Day 2/20
American Legion
Cabin Fever Party 2/25

MARCH

Budget Workshops 3/1
3/20
VFW Spring Fling
Luau Party 3/3
Village Board Meeting 3/6
Daylight Savings Time
Begins 3/11
AFD Fireman's Ball 3/17

APRIL

Water & Sewer Bills Mailed 4/1
Spring Brush Pickup Begins 4/2
Village Organizational
Meeting & Budget Hearing 4/3
Village Board Meeting 4/3
Water Flushing Begins 4/9
AES 'Celebrate America'
5th grade Carnival 4/16
ACT 'Green & Clean Day' 4/28

MAY

Water Restrictions Begin 5/1
Village Board Meeting 5/1
AES PTA Village Wide
Garage Sale 5/5
VFW Loyalty Day 5/19

AES 'Willy Wonka Jr.' 5/18
5th grade play & 5/19
Memorial Day Parade 5/20
Village Office Closed
Memorial Day 5/28

For more information on
any of these events, visit the
community calendar on our
website
www.altamontvillage.org



Altamont Elementary Children
share Valentine wishes with the
Altamont Seniors
2011