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Archives and Museum News

Thanks to our sponsors and to those who have purchased the book *Images of America: Altamont*, the Archives and Museum has realized over \$ 7000 towards collections conservation and public programs in conjunction with our exhibitions. The book continues to sell briskly at the Village Office in the Village Hall. A late Fall Book Signing in the Altamont Free Library, with author Keith C. Lee is in the planning stages.

Our first priority in the archives, thanks to this financial support, is to initiate undertaking the conservation of a recent gift from Fred Crouse of Brandle Road, to the collections. The historic 1784 Indenture between Frederick Crouse II and Stephen Van Rensselaer, allowed "Frederick the Patriot" to purchase his farmland from the Patroon, in recognition of his services to the Battle of Saratoga.



Another recent gift is a pint (8 oz) size clear glass bottle from Pangburn Dairy.



This was a gift from John and Kristin Smith. In a 1932 story in the *Enterprise*, it was stated that the dairy of Harold Pangburn "has not only continued the policies of his predecessors but enlarged and improved the plant until it is second to none of its size. Tubercular-tested cows, given the best of care and fed carefully prepared rations, provide a milk of rich quality. The bottling plant on Maple Avenue is a model for all dairymen".

In October 2013, filmmaker Bruce Kennedy showed a

'rough edit' of his documentary *Righteous Rebellion: Echoes of the Anti-Rent Era*, throughout the region. This past summer he returned to further his study of this 19th century rebellion that included many local farmers as they successfully fought to dismantle a social order dominated by "self-styled aristocrats". His visit to Altamont's "extensive and very well organized archives" yielded many historical facts, including the involvement of our own Dr. Frederick Crouse.



Bruce Kennedy is shown in our archives in August with volunteer Laura Shore.

The exhibition *Chapter Photographs: Images of Altamont* continues in the Hallway Gallery through December. The exhibition is open weekdays during regular Village Office hours.

Noisy Neighbors?

A noisy neighbor complaint is very common to all police departments and the same is true here in Altamont. Complaints usually include loud music, a dog barking, kids being loud, people yelling or partying in a different apartment in the same building, construction, etc. Regardless of the specifics, these complaints are often handled in a very similar manner.

The Village of Altamont falls within the jurisdiction of the Town of Guiderland and utilizes their noise ordinance.

If you are comfortable, you could ask the parties responsible to please keep the noise down. If they are renting, you can call their landlord and see if he/she is willing talk to the offender.

If that isn't an option, call the Guiderland Dispatch Center, explain the situation and let the Police handle the problem. You are not required to provide your name, and even if you do, it is kept confidential.

If the Police respond, there are several things that the police must consider: Does the violator have a mass gathering permit? Is the noise excessive? Can the noise be heard outside the residence if in a multi-apartment building? Is there a local ordinance that applies? And most importantly, is the noise still occurring when the police arrive?

Another limiting factor for Police action is when the noise doesn't occur on a consistent basis or is intermittent. If the responding officers don't hear anything, there is nothing at all they can do, even with an ordinance. The violation must take place in the officers presence.

Officers responding to a noise complaint need to access the situations, determine if noise is being generated under a permit, accidentally, inadvertently or deliberately. They must consider the best way to

deal with the situation. Understand that the officers must adhere to the noise ordinance and although it may be annoying, it may not be illegal. Officers try to mitigate many issues without issuing fines or making unnecessary bad relations between neighbors.

Library Director Accepts new Position

It is with deep regret that the Board of Trustee of the Altamont Free Library has accepted the resignation of its beloved Director, Judith Wines. Judith has accepted a position as Library Director at the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Community Library and will be leaving Altamont as of October 10th. A search committee has been formed to select a new director in the coming weeks. Judith has been a motivating and dedicated force for our community. We wish Judith much happiness and success in her new position.

Employment Opportunities

The Village of Altamont is taking applications for a new Part-time Building Administrator. The Building Administrator shall act as support to the Village Planning Board (PB), Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA), and the Guiderland Referral Committee in the administration and enforcement of the Village's subdivision and zoning codes (Village Code, Chapters 315 and 355, respectively). The Building Administrator must have current NYS Code Enforcement Officer Certification and some experience in the construction field (e.g. be able to read blue prints, understand project management). Please contact the Village Office for information and application materials or at the Village website altamontvillage.org.

Fall Yard Waste Collection

Yard waste collection will begin on Tuesday, October 14th and continues through Friday, November 28th. The Village will vacuum leaves on Tuesdays and Fridays, weather permitting. If using bags, the bags must be biodegradable, closed and sealed.

Brush and branches, no wider than 2 inches in diameter, must be bundled with twine, a maximum of 4 feet in length and must be able to be lifted to the truck by one person. These items will be picked up on Wednesdays.

Fall Water Flushing

Water main flushing will begin on Monday, October 1st and will continue through Friday, October 31st. Flushing will occur Mondays through Fridays between 8:30 am and 3:30 pm. During the cycle you may experience a drop in pressure or discoloration from your faucets. Please

check your water for discoloration prior to doing laundry. For additional information, or if discoloration persists, please contact the village at 861-8554.

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Calendar of Events

OCTOBER

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| Village Water Flushing begins | 10/1 |
| Yard Waste pickup begins | 10/1 |
| Village Board Meeting | 10/7 |
| AFD / APD Open House, Rodeo & Pulled Pork Dinner | 10/10 |
| Bozenkill Park Closes | 10/12 |
| Columbus Day Village Offices Closed | 10/13 |
| Halloween | 10/31 |

NOVEMBER

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| AFD Comedy Night | 11/1 |
| Daylight Savings Time Ends | 11/2 |
| General Election Community Room | 11/4 |
| Village Board Meeting | 11/6 |
| Veteran's Day Village Offices Closed | 11/11 |

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| Thanksgiving Holiday Village Offices Closed | 11/27-28 |
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DECEMBER

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| Yard Waste pickup ends | 12/1 |
| Village Board Meeting | 12/2 |
| ACT Victorian Holidays Wine & Cheese Reception | 12/13 |
| ACT Victorian Holidays House Tours and Activities | 12/14 |
| Christmas Holiday Village Offices Closed | 12/25 |



Happy New Year

JANUARY

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| New Years Day Village Offices Closed | 1/1 |
| Village Board Meeting | 1/6 |
| Martin Luther King Jr. Day Village Offices Closed | 1/19 |

FEBURARY

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| Village Board Meeting | 2/2 |
| Altamont Free Library Gala | 2/7 |
| Presidents Day Village Offices Closed | 2/16 |