

Plattekill Times

FALL 2007

Message from the Supervisor

It has been a busy summer, full of recreational activities for your family to enjoy and I hope you have taken advantage of them. As the summer comes to a close, I want to share some of our recent progress and developments.

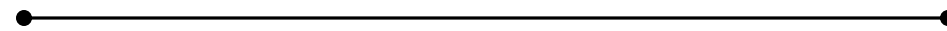
- The Town received the long-awaited \$50,000 grant money awarded by Senator Larkin's office to help cover costs associated with increasing patrol hours in our Police Department.
- On the topic of the police, I wish to congratulate Gunther Henrich on his retirement as Police Chief of the Plattekill Police Department. We thank him for his 30 years of dedicated service.
- We would also like to welcome our new Officer in Charge, Steve Arasim. He has demonstrated excellence during his tenure as an officer in the department and we welcome his leadership.
- Another change in leadership took place when Caroline Murphy stepped down as Town Councilwoman. Her years of service since 2004 have been greatly appreciated. She will be missed and we wish her and her family well.
- The Town Hall installed a badly needed new phone system, so those calling the town should have better access to the Town offices.
- Our Recreation Department has many events planned for the fall and holiday season. Please take a look at the Recreation section of this newsletter to see what is coming.

Lastly, I am sure many of you are eagerly awaiting the grand opening of the Hanaford Grocery store, which is planned for September. I know my family is, and I am sure I will see some of you there!

I wish you a happy and healthy fall and I will see you soon.

Sincerely,

Bruce Loertscher



MIDDLE CLASS STAR REBATE, contributed by Mike Dunham

The Assessors Office for the Town of Plattekill would like to advise property owners of the Middle Class Star Exemption and the process for receiving the benefits. As part of the 2007 New York State Budget, property owners who receive the STAR or Enhanced Star Exemption on their 2007 School Tax Bill, will receive a rebate check from the State.

If you receive the Basic Star Exemption, you will receive an application from the New York State Department of Taxation. These applications will be mailed out in early September and property owners will be able to apply online for the rebate. Property owners will also have the option to submit the completed application by mail. This is the only year you will need to submit an application. The checks will be mailed out as the applications are received. If you do not receive an application,

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Veteran's Committee Seeking Names of Plattekill Veterans*
- *Boy Scout Events*
- *Modena Hosts Ulster County Volunteer Firefighter's Association Parade*
- *Plattekill Historical Society Hosts Event in Park*
- *Friends of the Plattekill Public Library Sponsor Scrapbooking Seminars*

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you can contact the New York State Department of Taxation at **1-877-678-2769**. The deadline for filing the application for the rebate is November 30, 2007.

If you received the Enhanced Star Exemption on your 2007 School Taxes, you do not need to complete an application and you will receive the check automatically in late fall. The amount of the rebate will vary from school district to school district and town to town. The amount will also depend on your income. If you wish to determine the amount of your rebate you can go online at <http://nystax.gov/star/2007>.

In order to receive the Middle Class Star Rebate, you must have received the Star Exemption for the 2007 School Tax Year. If you have not applied for the Star Exemption, you should contact the assessor, Mike Dunham, prior to March 1, 2008, to see if you are eligible. In future years, the rebate check will only be issued to property owners who are receiving the Star Exemption for that year's school tax.

Town Clerk's Corner

Fall is here and that means Hunting Licenses are available at the Town Clerk's Office. Prices are the same as the past several years. Doe permits are available until October 1st.

Elections are coming up so look for fliers throughout Town for your party caucus, primary election (Sept. 18th) and the general election (November 6th).

Fall is the most beautiful time of year in the Hudson Valley! Take a day and spend time enjoying the great outdoors!

Barbara E. Dawes, Town Clerk
Tina TenEyck, Deputy Town Clerk

Farewell to a Chief

The Town wishes to congratulate Gunther Henrich on his retirement from the Plattekill Police Department and thank him for his 30 years of dedicated and professional service. Henrich started in 1977 as an officer in the Police Department, which had only been in existence for seven years. It was in 1982 that he was promoted to Police Chief. At that time, he only had 4 officers. Over the years, the town changed a lot and so did the nature of the work. The

town and the department grew, currently utilizing a part-time, 12 officer staff. The hourly shifts of the officers have increased, in addition to added day-time patrols. Due to the continued growth of the area, Henrich believes the department will eventually become full-time. With the increased use of technology, the job of a police officer has gone high-tech, and he has helped keep the department current on the latest trends in crime fighting.

Henrich is also commended for the relationship that the Plattekill Police Department has established with the New York State Police, the Ulster County Sheriff's Office and other agencies. A mutual respect has developed during his tenure, thanks to better training and greater resources of his officers.

In late July, a retirement celebration dinner was held for Henrich at the Dakota Grill at the Garden Cathay Resort in Plattekill. Our congratulations and best wishes go out to him and his family.

Murphy Resigns from Town Board

It was sad news to many when Caroline Murphy resigned from the Plattekill Town Board, effective August 1st. She did so in a brief letter to the board, citing personal family reasons for not being able to complete her term, which was ending on Jan 1, 2008.

"Everyone should have the experience of getting involved in local government."

Years earlier, Murphy was a volunteer on the Master Plan committee. Just after the Master Plan was completed, there was a moratorium on residential development. She initially ran for the board position because

she wanted "to participate in the process of bringing the zoning code in line with the Master Plan for the town." Once in office, she found another place she wanted to impact, "I also wanted to increase the technology within the town so overall communication in the town could improve."

Early on, she expanded the Town's Web site. She collected additional content, with the eventual hope of the site containing the Town Zoning Code. She maintained and updated the site for some time, but it became quite time consuming and large. This led to her spearhead the board's effort in the expansion of the Town Publicist

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Plattekill Day 2007

position to include maintenance of the web site. It made sense to also have that person also publish the town newsletter, which Murphy had also become involved in.

Now, citizens can find town meeting agendas, minutes, the zoning code and a host of general information about the town online at <http://town.plattekill.ny.us>. This public information was available before, but one would have to come to the town hall in person to request it. Murphy also focused on electronic communication. She wanted the board to be able to communicate electronically, and now the entire board uses e-mail.

When asked what her hopes are for the Town, she said, "Economic development. I hope that Hannaford's will help spark more economic development in Modena. I also hope for slow responsible growth, to maintain the characteristics that make people want to live here." Her final comment, "everyone should have the experience of getting involved in local government. It is good for the town and good for the individual. I am grateful to the people of Plattekill who gave me this opportunity."

The Town thanks Caroline Murphy for her service to the Town and its citizens.

The Town of Plattekill is pleased to sponsor the 15th Annual Plattekill Day! It is our biggest event of the year and it will be held on Sunday, September 16th, 2007, 10 AM to 5 PM at the Thomas Felten Community Park in Modena. This is a great day to spend with your family and friends and to celebrate all the area has to offer. Most activities, parking, and entrance are free. The day will feature hay rides, pony rides, Plattekill Idol 2007 Youth Contest (under 14 yrs.), Got Rhythm Dancers, musical acts, car show, lawn-mower pull, crafts, pie-eating contest, haunted house, inflatable slide, jumping house, a barbershop quartet, a guest appearance by McGruff the Crime Dog, and more. There will be many food vendors, craft vendors, and various booths sponsored by community organizations, so mark your calendar now! Please remember no alcohol or pets are allowed in the park.

The Town invites organizations and businesses to participate as vendors. If you are interested, please submit a vendor application by September 1st. Forms are available at the Town Hall or online at the Town's Web site at <http://town.plattekill.ny.us>. Click on the "Events" link.

Modena Hosts County Parade

The Modena Fire Department is to be congratulated on the fine job they did hosting the Ulster County Volunteer Firefighter's Association Parade and convention on July 28th. However, they weren't alone in their efforts. Many nearby fire departments, rescue squads, town, county and state police units helped throughout the day. Other participants included the Town of Plattekill Town Board, the Air National Guard Color Guard, the Ulster County Bureau of Fire, and several marching bands. It was a massive effort that was very well coordinated. The day started with the judging of trucks at 9 AM and the parade stepped off at 1 PM. The day was hot and humid, but that didn't stop the participating fire departments from sporting their best uniforms, showing off their gleaming trucks, marching past crowds along Freetown Highway, Route 44/55, Route 32, then ending at the town park.



Modena Fire & Rescue



Robert Riley, Chief
Clintondale Fire Department



Plattekill Fire & Rescue



Car Show At Plattekill Day Sunday, Sept 16, 2007

Boy Scouts Camp Out in New Parkland

In celebration of their 30th anniversary, Boy Scout Troop 79 is planning a campout at the newly purchased parkland at the Thomas Felten Community Park in Modena. It will be on September 15 and 16, 2007, which is the same weekend as Plattekill Day. Having this anniversary celebration at the park is fitting, since many scouts from Troop 79 have completed projects there. Eagle Scout Kyle Wellmon was once in Troop 79, and as part of his Eagle Scout project, he installed two additional flag poles at the park, a light fixture to shed light on the flags at night, and he sold engraved bricks to help provide funding for the project. The bricks now surround the flag poles with attractive plantings, creating a nice welcome for visitors to the park. Other scout projects completed at the park include the construction of a nature trail and the tree plantings along Route 32.

Former Troop 79 scouts from the past 30 years are invited to take part in the event. Some original members still live in the area and will be attending. An invitation has also been extended to the troop's sponsor, the Plattekill Fire Department, and the Town Board. "Plattekill Day is a good time to celebrate. The Town Board has been very supportive in a lot of ways and so has the community by providing donations from various organizations," says Jackie Wellmon, Boy Scout Committee member. The troop also plans to sponsor a booth at Plattekill day that will have displays and activities to reflect what the scouts do and learn, such as how to pack a backpack, what you need to survive in the wilderness, map and compass display, knot tying, and outdoor cooking information. They will also have a dunking booth and are seeking volunteers to be dunked! Stop by their booth and learn more about scouting!

**Vendors Needed for Plattekill Day
Deadline is September 1st.
Visit <http://town.plattekill.ny.us> for
forms.**

Plattekill Veterans Committee

The recently revived Plattekill Veterans Committee is busy planning ways to honor local veterans. Their largest project will be to erect a monument at the Thomas Felten Community Park that will recognize all Plattekill Veterans from the War of 1812 until present. "We feel it is very important to support our troops. We don't want the men and women fighting today to face what the Vietnam vets faced," says Committee Chairwoman, Sis Morse. The committee also plans to apply for grants and raise funds to pay for the monument. They are currently viewing other monuments to come up with a design that they would like to have at the Thomas Felten Community Park in Modena. Another project they are working on is compiling a list of all veterans, past and present, into book form. Once completed, the books will be placed at the park (within the monument), Town Hall, and the Plattekill Library. The group requests that town residents come forward and provide names of veterans, living or deceased, and from all branches of the military. The group is selling t-shirts, scarves, and lawn signs similar in design to those placed at the main entrances into the town. Funds collected will help cover costs for the monument at the town park. The signs being sold read "We Honor Our Veterans" and can be purchased for \$75 (includes posts and hardware) or for \$95 the sign can be personalized. To purchase items or to submit names of Plattekill Veterans, call Barbara Dawes at 883-7331, Sis Morse at 883-6117, or Dot Longbard at 883-0084. Donations to help cover the costs of the monument may be sent to Town of Plattekill Veterans' Committee, PO Box 45, Modena, NY 12548. The group will also be sponsoring a table at Plattekill Day where they plan on selling their items, including child sized t-shirts, adult tees, scarves, and the signs. Please stop by to see what they have.

Ice Cream and Artifacts

submitted by Valerie Smith

The weather cooperated and the Town of Plattekill's Historical Society had a wonderful turnout for its gathering in the Thomas Felten Community Park on July 21st. Among other things, the Society displayed the collectible toys (crafted and donated by Bill Michalski) it raffles off every year; the nicely-progressing signature quilt; Shirley Anson's diorama of town buildings and the notes for the book she is writing on Civil War veterans of the town. The World Peace Society had a table with crafts for kids of all ages! Al Gallardo displayed his radio-controlled aircraft and the Society for Creative Anachronism had a table loaded with publications and

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Town of Plattekill Community Events Calendar 2007

For additions/changes/corrections to this calendar, e-mail Jean Poirier at jeanp5@optonline.net or call (845) 883-5284. **This list was updated 08/18/2007.**

August

- Aug 24 – HALO for Tweens and Teens, 3 PM, Plattekill Public Library
 Aug 24 – Pet Clinic, 4 PM – 6 PM, Plattekill Town Garage, Rt. 44-55 in Modena.
 Aug 25 – CANCELED **Pancake Breakfast, sponsored by Parents of Scouting for Troop 195
 Aug 28 – Parkland Ideas Brainstorming Session, 7 PM, Thomas Felten Community Park in Modena.
 Aug 28 – Registration for Plattekill Community Day at Rocking Horse Ranch, 6 PM, Thomas Felten Community Park in Modena (actual event will take place on Sunday, Sep. 23) \$15/pp, includes lunch and activities. Trail rides an additional \$7/pp.
 Aug 28 – Incredible Balloon Workshop, 6:30 PM, Plattekill Public Library. Call to register at 883-7286.
 Aug 30 – Ancient Indian Dam, 6:30 PM, Plattekill Public Library
 Aug 31 – Deadline for entry to Plattekill Idol 2007 Youth Contest, Plattekill Town Hall 883-7331.

September

- Sep 1 – Tutor.com service begins at the Plattekill Public Library. (See article on page 9)
 Sep 1 – Vendor applications due for Plattekill Day 2007.
 Sep 15 & 16 – Aloha Acres Annual Yard Sale to Benefit Modena Fire Department, 9 AM to 5 PM, at the Aloha Acres Senior Community on South Ohioville Road, just off Rt. 44-55. (Rain date is Sep 22 and 23.)
 Sep 16 – Plattekill Day, 10 AM to 5 PM, Thomas Felten Community Park in Modena. (See article on page 3)
 Sep 20 – “Talk Like a Pirate” Read Aloud, 6 PM, Plattekill Public Library.
 Sep 21 – Scrapbooking Seminar: *Summer Fun Theme*, 7 PM – 9 PM, Community Room below the library. Registration required. Sponsored by the Friends of the Plattekill Public Library. Call 895-1260 for information. (See article on page 7)
 Sep 22* - Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by the Parents of Cub Scout Pack 95 at the Plattekill Fire House from 4:30 PM to 8 PM. Adults \$5, seniors and children (6 – 12) \$4, Children 5 and under free. Family rate (5) \$20. Take out available. For more information contact Jim Burriss at 566-9709 or Gina Mercier at 883-7912.
 Sep 23 – Plattekill Community Day at Rocking Horse Ranch, 11 AM to 4 PM. (Registration was held on Aug. 28. You must be registered and paid to participate.) (See article on page 8)
 Sep 27— Movie “Hook”, 6 PM, Plattekill Public Library.
 Sep 29 – Succeed in School @ Your Library, 10 AM to 3 PM. (See article on page 9).
 Sep 29 - Modena Fire & Rescue's Annual Chicken BBQ. 4 PM – 6 PM. Cost: \$12/ ticket. Call the station at 883-6937 Monday evenings between 7 PM – 9 PM for tickets or ask any Modena F & R member. (See page 7 for more info.).
 Sep 29 – Oct. 6 – Banned Book Week, Plattekill Public Library.
 Sep 30 – Annual Pork Roast by the Plattekill Republican Committee at Harris Lake, Plattekill (across from fire house), 3 PM to 7 PM (serving 4 to 6 PM) Adults \$12, Children 6 to 12 yrs. \$5, Children 5 and under free. Take out available. Advance Tickets – RSVP by 9/26/07. Contact Kevin at 566-7663 or Emilie at 883-7118.

October

- Oct 9 – Foxwood Casino Bus Trip, sponsored by Plattekill Golden Years Seniors, members \$30, nonmembers \$32, free voucher for buffet or restaurant. Free chance at the wheel. Departs from the Town Hall at 9:00 AM. For further information contact Mary Tierney at 883-7854.
 Oct 13 - Great Pumpkin Weigh-In, 10 AM at the Thomas Felten Community Park. Anyone can bring a pumpkin as long as it was grown in the Town of Plattekill.
 Oct 13 - Holiday Craft Fair / Flea Market at the Modena Fire House hosted by the Modena Ladies Auxiliary, 10 AM to 3:30 PM. (See page 7 for info.)
 Oct 15 – 19 – Teen Read Week – Theme: LOL@your library.
 Oct 17 - Plattekill Senior Citizen Bus Trip, Hunterdon Hills Playhouse for “The Late Christopher Bean” Hunterdon, NJ. \$46.50. Leaves the Town Hall Parking lot at 9 AM. For trip information contact Sharon Beadle

at 895-3135.

- Oct 18 – Scary Halloween Read Aloud, 6:30 PM, Plattekill Public Library
- Oct 18 – Annual Potluck Halloween Party, sponsored by the Plattekill Senior Club. 12 Noon at the Senior Community Center (under Library) Must wear costume! Prizes! Bring a potluck lunch item.
- Oct 19 – Comedy Performance, 3 PM for preteens and teens (age 10 & up) ending Teen Read Week. Plattekill Public Library.
- Oct 19 – Scrapbooking Seminar: School Days Theme, 7 PM – 9 PM, Community Room below the library. Registration required. Sponsored by the Friends of the Plattekill Public Library. Call 895-1260 for info.
- Oct 20 - Talk on Local History – Plattekill Historical Society, 2 PM at the Clintondale Fire House.
- Oct 27 - Harvest Soup Sale by Modena Ladies Auxiliary - \$6.00/qt and bread \$1.50 loaf. Order your soup and bread by calling Doris at 883-7408. Bring your own containers. Pick up is 1 PM to 3 PM at the Modena Fire House.
- Oct 28 - Halloween Parade, Sunday, 2 PM sharp. Children (12 and under) and seniors are invited to participate in this year's Halloween Parade at the Thomas Felten Community Park in Modena. Prizes will be awarded so join us for some spooktacular fun!

November

- Nov 6 - Basketball for Kids. Registration will take place on Nov 6 @ 6 PM sharp at Plattekill Elementary School, for ages 7 to 14 years. The group will meet Tuesday evenings until mid-March of 2008.
- Nov 10 – Parents of Boy Scout Troop 195 Penny Social, New Hurley Reformed Church Hall, Doors open at 6 PM, Calling at 7:30 PM. (See article on page 7)
- Nov 16 – Scrapbooking Seminar: “Holiday Cards” Theme – This can be a mom and me event, so bring a child who wants to make a card too! 7 PM – 9 PM, Community Room below the library. Registration required. Call 895-1260 for information. Sponsored by Friends of the Plattekill Public Library.
- Nov 17 – “Our Community Dinner,” Clintondale Friends Christian Church, 5 PM – 7 PM. Free dinner, first come, first served.
- Nov 18 – Plattekill Historical Society's Thanksgiving Deep-Fried Turkey Dinner and drawing for raffle toys, 2 PM at Apple Greens Café in New Paltz. To purchase raffle tickets or to attend the dinner, contact Valerie Smith at 883-5848.
- Nov 29 – Movie, “Pocahontas,” 6 PM, Plattekill Public Library.
- Nov 30 – Deadline for filing the application for the Middle Class Star Rebate. For more information call the NYS Department of Taxation at 1-877-678-2769.

December

- Dec 1 – Tree Lighting and Bon Fire at the Park, 6 PM. Come enjoy the bon fire, some hot chocolate, caroling and a visit from Santa!
- Dec 20 – “How The Grinch Stole Christmas” Read Aloud, 6:30 PM, Plattekill Public Library.
- Dec 27 – Movie, “ELF,” w/Will Ferrell, 6 PM, with refreshments

Community Notes

Boy Scout Troop 195 Pancake Breakfast Postponed

The Parents of Boy Scout Troop 195 Pancake Breakfast that was scheduled for August 25 has been postponed until further notice. Due to numerous camping trips in August, the scouts were unable to get sufficient donations by the deadline for the pancake breakfast and they are seeking donations for their future breakfast. If you or someone you know can donate pancake mix, syrup, butter, eggs, sausage, bacon, or make a cash donation to the scouts, please contact Virginia Yambay at 566-3045. All donations would be greatly appreciated.

Jamaican Jerk Chicken & Pork Dinners & Yard Sales – Most Saturdays August through November 17th. Yard sales start at 10 AM. BBQ dinners ready by 11 AM. Phone ahead, 797-2157, for take-out. Funds raised will help build a new church. Mount Triumphant Church of God, 1377 Route 44-55, Clintondale.

Christmas and Bake Sale – Saturday, November 3, 10, 17. 11 AM to 5 PM. Antiques, jewelry, crafts, cosmetics, holiday ornaments, glassware, candles, etc. Mount Triumphant Church of God, 1377 Route 44-55, Clintondale. Vendors welcome. Call 883-6196 for more information.

Scrapbooking Seminars

The Friends of the Plattekill Public Library have planned three Scrapbooking seminars for the fall. Each offers a specific theme and makes for a fun Friday night out!

Sep 21 – “Summer Fun” – document your summer before the holidays get here!

Oct 19 – “School Days” – get your first day of school photos into a great display!

Nov 16 – “Holiday Cards” – come alone or bring your child to make a card too.

Registration is required so supplies can be ordered in advance. Friends \$10, nonmembers \$12.00. Supplies are included in the fee; just bring your photos! Door prizes! Instructor Christine Adams is experienced and fun. Help support the library while having a great time. Call 895-1260 for more information.

Parents of Plattekill BSA Troop 195 Penny Social

Parents of Plattekill BSA Troop 195 will be holding a Penny Social on November 10, 2007 at the New Hurley Reformed Church Hall, on New Hurley Road and Rte. 208 in Walkill. Doors open at 6:00 PM and calling begins at 7:30 PM. There will be numerous theme gift baskets, computer items, household items, toys, as well as big and unique items. Donations accepted. Ample parking will be provided. Food & refreshments will be sold. Please help support this local troop. For more information contact Francis Woodruff at 883-7433 or Carol Grant at 566-4740.

Modena Fire & Rescue's Annual Chicken Barbeque

Modena will be holding their Annual Chicken Barbeque on Saturday, September 29th, from 4 PM – 6 PM. The Menu will feature a half chicken, baked potato, salad, corn-on-the-cob, & dessert. Cost: \$12./ ticket. Take out/delivery available. For tickets call 883-6937 Monday evenings between 7 PM – 9 PM or ask any Modena F & R member.

Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by the Parents of Cub Scout Pack 95

The Parents of Cub Scout Pack 95 are sponsoring a Spaghetti dinner fundraiser at the Plattekill Fire House on Sep. 22nd from 4:30 PM to 8 PM. Adults \$5, seniors and children (6 – 12) \$4, Children 5 and under free. Family rate (5) \$20. Take out available. For more information contact Jim Burriss at 566-9709 or Gina Mercier at 883-7912.

Adopt a Dog

Plattekill Dog Control continues to have a presence on Petfinder.com. Please visit the Web site at Petfinder.com, enter the zip code 12548, then select Shelter & Rescue Groups, then scroll to Modena for information regarding our clinics, lost or found pets and any dogs for adoption.

Area Pet Clinics

Laura Stein, DVM, of Main Street Veterinary Clinic in Cornwall-on-Hudson, will be offering mobile pet clinics to the public in our area. At these clinics, she mostly treats dogs and cats but can see other pets if you call her in advance of her visit. Typical services at these clinics include routine exams, vaccinations, and heartworm tests but you can also pick up heartworm, flea, and tick products. Most shots are between \$10.00 and \$15.00. At the time of this printing, the following clinic is scheduled:

August 24 – Plattekill Town Garage, Rt. 44/55, behind Plattekill Town Hall, 4 – 6 PM
If you cannot attend a clinic, you can visit Dr. Stein at her Main Street Veterinary Clinic in Cornwall-on-Hudson. Call to schedule an appointment or ask questions: 845-534-3644.



Laura Stein, DVM

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the items they use in their medieval reenactments, as well as working the crowd in their costumes. (I can reveal that it took four wenches to get Chris out of his chain mail at the end of the day.) To top it all off, there was plenty of yummy ice cream and the friendly visiting that makes a summer afternoon so pleasant. Truly something for everyone and a good example of how much fun we have in the Society. Check the town calendar for our upcoming events and call Valerie Smith at 883-5848 to be added to our mailing list.

Summer Recreation Report

The following is a brief report of activities sponsored by the Town of Plattekill Recreation Department (TOPREC).

- The Town of Plattekill Summer Day camp program hosted 100 children this year, and ran from June 25th to August 2nd. The children enjoyed two field trips to Splash Down and Quassy Park in Connecticut and enjoyed swimming, games, arts, crafts, and more.
- T-Ball ended on August 8th with about 60 children participating in the game. A special thanks is extended to Angel Tandry for volunteering to direct the program.
- On July 1st, the Second Annual Red, White, and Blue Golf Tournament took place at the Garden Cathay Golf course.
- The 4th of July Fireworks and Concert celebration took place on July 7th. The town enjoyed a wonderful turnout (guessed to be between 2500 and 3000 people). Those in attendance enjoyed a fantastic concert by the Shallow's band and then enjoyed a spectacular fireworks display. At 07/07/07, at 7:07 PM, TOPREC gave away 777 helium balloons!
- The Annual Summer Golf Camp was extended to adults this year and took place at the Garden Cathay Golf Course with about a dozen participants.
- The August 5th Sunset Serenade that featured the band "Breakaway," provided a lovely evening of outdoor entertainment for many in the town.
- The Aug 12th Sunset Serenade that featured the West Point Jazz Knights performed for a deliighted crowd, on a gorgeous evening at the park.

Fall Recreation Events

Sep 16 - Plattekill Day (see Plattekill Day article on page 3)

Sep 16 - Plattekill Idol 2007 Youth Contest

The second Plattekill Idol contest will be held at Plattekill Day, September 16, 2007 from 3:20 PM to 5 PM, at the Thomas Felten Community Park in Modena. This year registrants must be 14 years or younger by September 1, 2007. You must register in advance. A maximum of 15 acts will be scheduled, on a first come, first serve basis, so don't delay your entry. Forms are available at the Town Hall and must be received by August 31, 2007. They can also be mailed to TOPREC, PO Box 45, Modena, NY 12548. For further information call 883-6022.

Sep 23 - Plattekill Community Day at Rocking Horse Ranch, 11 AM to 4 PM.

Includes a BBQ lunch with all guest activities, \$15/pp for residents of Plattekill. Horse back riding is an additional \$7/pp. Children must be at least 7 years old to trail ride. Pony rides are free. Registration will be held at Thomas Felten Community Park in Modena on Tuesday August 28th at 6 PM. Event is limited to 100 participants. Call Wayne Harris for additional information at 883-6022.

Oct 8 - Red, White and Green Golf Tournament,

co-sponsored with the Knights of Columbus. Tee off at 10 AM, registration at 9 AM. Includes breakfast, lunch (Italian buffet) and awards. Foursomes @ \$40.00 per person. The event will take place at the Garden Cathay Golf Course in Plattekill. To register, call Wayne Harris at 883-6022.

Oct 13 - Great Pumpkin Weigh-In, 10 AM at the

Thomas Felten Community Park. Anyone can bring a pumpkin as long as it was grown in the Town of Plattekill. This event is co-sponsored by the Clintondale Grange, Plattekill Grange and TOPREC.

Oct 28 - Halloween Parade, Sunday, 2 PM sharp.

Children (12 and under) and seniors are invited to participate in this year's Halloween Parade at the Thomas Felten Community Park in Modena. The parade will start from the lower parking lot and end at the park pavilion. Participants in the parade must be in costume. Prizes will be awarded so join us for some spooktacular fun!

Nov 6 - Basketball for Kids.

Registration will take place on Nov 6 @ 6 PM sharp at Plattekill Elementary School, for ages 7 to 14 years. The group will meet Tuesday evenings until mid-March 2008.

Dec 1 - Tree Lighting and Bon Fire at the Park

The Rotary will serve refreshments, Plattekill Fire Department will deliver Santa Claus, Modena Fire Department will lead the caroling! Come join the fun and get in the spirit of the holidays!

Parkland Ideas

A brainstorming session was held by the Town of

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Plattekill Recreation Committee (TOPREC) at the Thomas Felten Community Park on July 24 to allow the community to share their ideas for potential use of the newly acquired 73 acres of parkland. The TOPREC committee will continue to meet to discuss ideas about possible expansion of ponds, trails, new parking, Scout camping area, the idea of a dog park, a bird sanctuary in conjunction with the Blue Bird Society, a fitness trail, etc. The public is invited to another brainstorming session on Aug 28 at 7 PM at the park pavilion. Come and bring your ideas!

Fall Programs @ the Plattekill Public Library

The Plattekill Public Library is pleased to share information about a new program it will be offering this fall, along with an exciting line-up of scheduled activities and programs.

Tutor.com and Succeed in School @ Your Library

The Plattekill Public Library is pleased to announce a new program called **Tutor.com**. It is a program designed to provide homework help to kids who can't attend the homework help at the library, or need additional hours. The program utilizes qualified tutors, linking them with students via the Internet. The program will begin September 1 and will be available seven days a week, 3 PM to 8 PM. Students using the service must hold a current library card from the Plattekill Public Library. Learn more about it at the Library's upcoming program "**Succeed in School @ Your Library**," which will be held on Saturday, September 29, 10 AM to 3 PM at the library. Teachers, students and parents are invited to this program. It will feature great speakers, local authors, Tutor.com information and demonstrations, library tours and prizes. The guest speakers include: (1) Dr. Daniel Lack, DD, FCOVD, FAAO, speaking on "Vision and Learning"; (2) Ms. Ellen Marshall, MS, RD, LCSW, of Healthy Food, Healthy Kids, speaking on "Food for Thought"; and (3) Ms. Karen Kaufman Orloff, children's author of I WANNA IGUANA, IF MOM HAD THREE ARMS, and more. **Please register** with the library if you plan on attending so they can plan for staffing, refreshments, and lunch. Visit the library to learn more about this and other exciting new programs. You can also visit them on the web at <http://www.plattekill.lib.ny.us/>

Regular Weekly Programs

Every Friday from 3 PM – 5 PM: Teen Video Games (age 10 and up).

Every Wednesday and Thursday at 10:30 AM: Preschool Story time.

As always, please register for programs and visit the library's Web site (<http://plattekill.lib.ny.us>) for more information and an up-to-date calendar anytime.

Library Programs At-A-Glance

Sep 1 - Tutor.com begins, 3 PM to 8 PM, seven days a week.

Sep 20 - "Talk Like a Pirate" Week Readaloud, 6:30 PM - Stop in each day during the week of 9/17-9/21 for your chance to plunder some pirate loot!

Sep 27 - Movie "HOOK," 6 PM – with refreshments

Sep 29 - Succeed in School @ Your Library, 10 AM to 3 PM.

Sep 29 – Oct 6 – Banned Book Week

Oct 3 – Movie, "The Hollywood Librarian: A Look at Librarians Through Film," 6 PM. Tickets are \$8 for adults (12-60); \$5 for children and seniors; no charge for children under 6, librarians, library employees and library school students.

Oct 18 - Scary Halloween Readaloud, 6:30 PM

Oct 15-19 - TEEN READ WEEK. Theme: LOL@ your library

Oct 19 - Library will feature a comedy performance just for preteens and teens (age 10 and up). 3 PM.

Oct 20 - Craft - Make your own SPIDER CUPCAKE, 1 PM.

Oct 25 – Movie, "HEFFALUMP," 6 PM, with refreshments.

Nov 15 - Thanksgiving Readaloud, 6:30 PM.

Nov 29 – Movie, "POCAHONTAS," 6 PM, with refreshments.

Dec 20 - "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" Readaloud, 6:30 PM

Dec 27 – Movie, "ELF," w/Will Ferrell, 6 PM, with refreshments.

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SENIOR CORNER

Plattekill Golden Years Senior Club, Submitted by Emilie Rappleyea Meetings held on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month at 1:15 PM. (Membership now at 41 senior citizens!) Senior exercise program offered prior to each meeting from 12:15 to 1:15. If you do not wish to participate, please do not come until 1:15 PM. The club offers bus trips, special programs and workshops of interest to the members. Bus trips are available to all Plattekill senior citizens. Contact Mary Tierney at 883-7854 for details and payment deadlines. Future trip planned for 2007: Foxwoods Casino in Connecticut, Tuesday, October 9. Cost \$30 or \$32 (Lunch included) Most trips, luncheons and programs take place from March through July. We will be participating in Plattekill Day at the park on Sunday September 16 with home baked items, hand-made crafts, and "Almost New" attic treasures. Join us and get acquainted.

Plattekill Senior Club – We'd like to welcome a few new members: Betty and Donald Herbert, Valentine and Stephen Judge, Erma Cuvito, and several others (soon to be mentioned). We meet the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 1:30 PM at the Community Center (Library). Tuesday at 1 PM is Bingo. We have been busy planning trips and events for the fall. In September, we will go apple picking at Tantillo's in Gardener and enjoy an afternoon in the orchard; however the date is still TBA, so stay posted! Our next events include:

Oct 17 – Trip to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse, Hunterdon, NJ. The show is "The Late Christopher Bean." The cost is \$46.50. For further details, contact Sharon Beadle at 883-3135.

Oct 18 – Annual Potluck Halloween Party, 12 noon at the Senior Center (library). You must come in costume and prizes will be awarded! Bring a pot luck lunch item

Our club will be sponsoring a booth at Plattekill Day on September 16, so stop by for a visit. We will be featuring face painting and flea market treasures! For general club information contact Mabel Gordon at 883-9710.

Aloha Acres Annual Yard Sale

Once again, the residents of Aloha Acres will be holding their annual yard sale as a fundraiser for the Modena Fire Department. All monies earned at the sale are matched by Aloha Acres owner, Michael Baum, and then donated to the Modena Fire Department. The sale will be held September 15 and 16, 9 AM to 5 PM, with a rain date of September 22 and 23. Aloha Acres is located on South Ohioville Road, a short drive from Route 44-55.

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