

# Plattekill Times

SUMMER  
2008

## Message from the Supervisor

I hope you are looking forward to the summer as much as I am. We have many great events planned over the next few months and I urge you to review the Recreation Calendar and the Community Events Calendar within this newsletter so you can see exactly what is offered. Most events are free so take advantage of them.

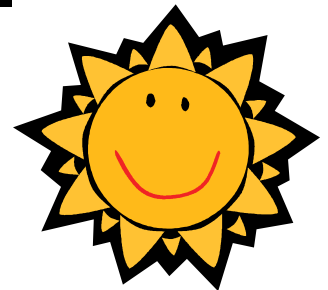
We have a new Dog Control Officer, Chantel Haight, and she will be focusing on enforcing dog licensing, and the usual duties of the job. Please read the article on below, which explains the new procedures for contacting her.

We will be offering two pet clinics per month over the summer, thanks to the generosity of Dr. Laura Stein of Main Street Veterinary Clinic in Cornwall. Dates she will be here will be posted on the sign in front of Town Hall and also on the town's web site at <http://town.plattekill.ny.us>.

My thanks goes out to the Plattekill Police Benevolent Association, the Ulster County Sheriff's Office and the Ulster County Traffic & Safety Board for co-sponsoring a Bicycle Safety Rodeo on May 17th with our recreation department. Everyone did an outstanding job.

To all those students graduating High School and college, we wish you congratulations and a bright and prosperous future.

Sincerely,  
Bruce Loertscher, Supervisor



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## New Dog Control Officer and New Procedures

The Town of Plattekill is pleased to announce it has a new Dog Control Officer (DCO) and her name is Chantel Haight. The way in which you contact Animal Control has changed as well, so please be advised of the following: for any emergency with a dog, contact the State Police Highland Office at 691-8473 and they will contact the Dog Control Officer. For a request that is not an immediate emergency, you can call the Plattekill Police Department at 883-6373 and they will assess the situation and contact the DCO. For everyday matters that do not need immediate attention, call the Plattekill Dog Shelter at 883-6557.

Ms. Haight will be placing her focus on enforcing the dog licensing, so if you haven't done so yet, please license your dog by visiting the Plattekill Town Hall, completing an application, showing proof of vaccinations, and paying a modest fee. Ms. Haight will be tending to the dogs in the shelter, placing those available for adoption on [petfinder.com](http://petfinder.com).

The animal shelter is in need of the following items: blankets, towels, bleach, and food. If you wish to donate any of these items to our local shelter, please contact Chantel at the shelter number above. It has been proven that owning a pet can decrease blood pressure and reduce anxiety, along with providing wonderful companionship. Please consider helping our animals in need and if you adopt one, it just may help you right back.

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Pool Code*
- *Letters from the Community*
- *Recreation Events*
- *Senior Day at the Ulster County Fair*

## Attention Pool Owners

Swimming pool alarms are not only a good idea but they are required by code effective 12/14/06. The code states that any "residential or commercial swimming pool constructed or modified after the effective date shall be equipped with an acceptable pool alarm capable of detecting a child entering the water and of giving an audible alarm." For additional information, contact James Brugger, Code Enforcement Officer, at 883-7331.

## Hannaford Gives Back

This April the Plattekill Hannaford awarded a \$1000.00 check to Plattekill Elementary School as a participant in the Hannaford Helps School program. This Hannaford program just completed its 7<sup>th</sup> year. During that time, Hannaford awarded more than 4 million dollars to schools in five states, New York, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Maine, and Vermont. Each school registers at their hometown store and sends the school certificates that are produced at the register at the time of purchase. Each school is then given a check in the amount of their submitted certificates. The school that sends in the most, from each store, is then rewarded with an extra \$1000 to use however they wish. Assistant Store Manager Betsy Barton and Manager of Customer Service Lynne Darrah presented the check to Plattekill Elementary School Principal Lou Pietrogallo.



L to R: Betsy Barton, Asst. Store Manager, Lynne Darrah, Manager of Customer Service, Lou Pietrogallo, Principal, Plattekill Elementary School

## Clean-up Coupon in July

Once again, the Town of Plattekill is offering residents a free clean-up coupon for dispensing up to 250 pounds of waste at the Plattekill Transfer Station. Coupons can be obtained starting July 1 by visiting the Town Clerk's Office at the Plattekill Town Hall and proving your residency. Those holding coupons must use

them for a one-time drop-off of household waste within the month of July 2008. The Plattekill Transfer Station is run by Second Nature Recycling and it is located at 41 Venuto Road (off of Freetown Highway) in Modena. Their hours are Monday - Saturday 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM; Sunday 8:00 AM - 12:00 noon and phone is (845) 883-7100. They can also be viewed at the Internet at <http://www.secondnaturerecycling.com/>.

## Letters from the Community

### Día de los Niños / Día de los Libros (Children's Day / Book Day)

submitted by Barbara Jacobini

The Library wishes to thank the many volunteers who helped to make our First Annual Día de los Niños / Día de los Libros (Children's Day / Book Day) such a huge success. Celebrated annually on April 30, "Día" is a multicultural community event that celebrates

the joys of children and books. Among the volunteers were Katie Werner, Walkkill School District ESL teacher, and Jeimy Martinez, Plattekill Head Start Teacher, who each read a story in Spanish, Julissa Quezada, Educational Coordinator at New Paltz ABCD Head Start, who translated brochures and flyers into Spanish, Gail Locus, story-time mom, who donated toothbrushes and candy for our piñata, Dora Orris, of the Plattekill Library FRIENDS group, who made delicious Puerto Rican Empanadas and purchased other

food items, Christine Adams, also of the FRIENDS group, who made and donated a beautiful Burro piñata, Maureen Kaddar of the FRIENDS group, who helped serve the many patrons who attended, Karen Adamson, Library Trustee, who spent hours purchasing items, setting up, baking and serving for the event. Dawn Meola & Colleen Macaluso from Ulster BOCES ESL and GED programs gave out free books and information about their services, Michele Pedreira, a.k.a. "Cuddles the Clown," arranged for visits from DORA the Explorer, 15-year old patron John Dolan, assisted with setting up, manning the piñata, decorating, and recruiting other helpers as needed, and the FRIENDS group donated money for prizes, food, etc. Many others helped by making phone calls or

## Have a Tick Safe Summer, by Jean Poirier

After finding two ticks on myself within the past month, I felt the need to share some important information with you about proper tick removal and prevention. There is so much more information available than what I can provide in this brief newsletter article so I have provided some resources at the end of this article so you can continue to learn more on your own if you choose.

After having Lyme disease for many years, along with two other tick borne illnesses, I was dismayed at my own panic when I found a tick attached to my hip about a month ago. I was not prepared well for removing it and this could not happen fast enough. I don't want this to happen to anyone, so I will tell you how to properly remove a tick if you find one on yourself, and tips for preventing getting ticks on you.

### Proper Tick Removal

1) Create your own tick removal kit, or buy one. Tick removal kits are available from a variety of places. One I found is offered by the Lyme Disease Foundation at the following address: Lyme Disease Foundation PO Box 332, Tolland, CT 06084-0332. Email: [tickkit@lyme.org](mailto:tickkit@lyme.org), or 860-870-0070, Fax: 860-870-0080, or order online at <http://www.lyme.org/tickkit/tickremovalkit.html>

I created my own "kit" by purchasing a nice set of surgical tweezers, including an antiseptic, and a small ziplock bag to place the tick. The tweezers have very pointy tips, so they can grab the tick's mouth parts, but not its body. This is very important because you don't want to squeeze the tick's body, possibly causing it to release into your body any potentially harmful pathogens.

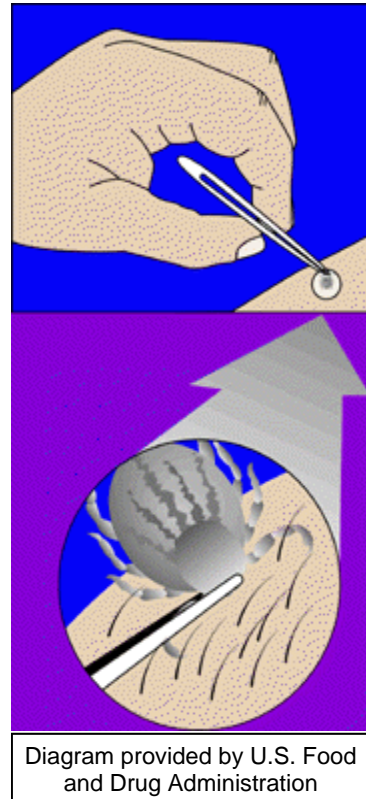
2) Use fine-point tweezers to grasp the tick around its mouthparts, at the place of attachment to the skin. (See diagram)

3) Gently pull the tick straight out. Place the tick in a small vial or zip lock bag and make note of the date, estimated length of time attached, where it was attached and note the color if it was engorged (mark your calendar too). Place the tick in your freezer in case your doctor wants to identify the tick.

4) Call your doctor and let the doctor know that your removed a tick. The doctor may choose to treat you right away, or ask you to watch for signs of infection. Proper and prompt tick removal could avoid infection.

Additional Information provided by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration includes:

- Do not use your fingers to remove the tick.
- Do not twist the tick, which can cause breakage, leaving part of its body in your skin.
- Do not crush, prick, or burn the tick, which may cause it to salivate or regurgitate infected fluids.
- Do not try to smother the tick with products such as petroleum jelly or mineral oil. Ticks can store enough oxygen to complete feeding.



### Prevent Getting Ticks on Yourself

There are some simple universal precautions you can take to prevent getting a tick on yourself. (this information was excerpted from [www.lymediseaseinformation.com](http://www.lymediseaseinformation.com))

**1) Protect yourself.** When in areas with ticks, stay in the center of paths to avoid ticks on brush.

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Avoid sitting directly on the ground and use a tick repellent. Children should let adults apply this for them. Wash off repellents when you return inside. Dress properly by wearing light-colored pants and long sleeves. Tuck your shirt into pants & pants into socks to keep ticks on the outside of your clothes. Wear a hat when working in tick-infested areas as this will help keep ticks out of your hair. Don't forget to protect your pets with tick repellents. Check them frequently for ticks.

**2) Do Tick Checks.** After you come back inside, check your entire body for ticks. Do this by looking at your clothes and by running your fingers over your skin. Don't forget your hair, ears, and underarms. You should check your whole body each night at bedtime.

**For more information about Lyme Disease, and other tick-borne diseases, along with related resources, check out the following:**

**Tick Removal Posters** - This link will take you to "Tick Safe" posters for children that can be downloaded, printed in English or Spanish and posted at schools, daycare centers or other places: <http://www.lyme.org/children>

U.S. Food and Drug Administration: <http://www.fda.gov/FDAC/features/1999/lymeside.html>

American Lyme Disease Foundation at <http://www.aldf.com/index.shtml>

Pfizer Global Research & Development: <http://www.lymediseaseinformation.com>

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sending emails to garner support, passing out flyers to spread the word, and offering suggestions as to what should be included in our event. Over 100 people were in attendance, prizes were given and a good time was had by all! We are richly blessed to be surrounded by people who truly care about the children and families we serve.

Letter to the Editor,

As Pastor of Mount Triumphant Church of God in Clintondale, NY, I am very appreciative of the support we have received from St. Charles Church in Gardiner, The Town of Plattekill, Town of Lloyd, local businesses, newspapers, radio stations and all community members who have come out and supported us in our many fundraising efforts and with our Annual Jamaican Style Chicken & Pork BBQ and the Yard

Sale. We have been truly blessed and encouraged by the love and support everyone has showed to us in our effort to build a larger church building to meet the needs of our community and to house our local missionary programs such as the "Hope For You" Food Pantry, Clothing, Soup Kitchen and Community Center to serve everyone in our extended community. This year we will have our 3rd Annual Jamaican Style Chicken & Pork BBQ and Yard Sale, which will run from Memorial Day and every Saturday until Labor Day from 11 AM to 6 PM. We will continue to serve our BBQ with herbed corn-on-the-cob, Jamaican Hard Dough bread and a cold drink as picnic style servings and dinners to go. If anyone would like to help us or is in need of additional information please contact us at 845-883-6196.

Thank you, Pastor Ralph Cowan  
Mount Triumphant Church of God, Clintondale

### Big and Generous Hearts

I would like to publicly thank and acknowledge all of the wonderful individuals that made our Friends "New to You" Kids and Community Sale on April 19<sup>th</sup> such a success. The Friends of the Plattekill Library would never have been able to hold such a sale without the help and generosity of Classic Storage in Modena. Owner, Sandra Schuyler, did not hesitate when asked if she could help us, and immediately offered her facilities and assistance. She accepted donations from generous community members several weeks before the sale, created and printed hundreds of flyers and provided great ideas, along with a ton of hard work. Community members generously donated clothing, toys, books, movies, and household items, along with all of the materials to clean and organize them. Event co-chairs Christine Adams and Carol VanDuser worked tirelessly to help organize the event to make it the success it was. Several area businesses supported the event and we wish to publicly thank them: Tuthilltown Tots of Gardiner, Little Ones of New Paltz, Town Cutters of Modena, Paesano's, Porto-Potty, Cuddles the Clown, Rascal the Clown, PDQ Printers, the Town of Plattekill, Plattekill Fire Department, Perfect Combination Painting, United Methodist Church of Modena Thrift Shop, Library Trustees, Friends and staff. A few of the volunteers that worked many hours to organize items and run the sale were Karen Adamson, Valerie Smith, Heather Harp, Lynette Salma, Maureen Kaddar, Emilie Rappleyea, and the Schuyler family.

The sale earned over \$1700 for the Friends of the Plattekill Public Library. Additionally, we offered 16 families "in need" free shopping passes to shop at the end of the sale, and leftovers have been donated to

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## Town of Plattekill Community Events Calendar 2008

### June

- Jun 7 – Youth Fishing Derby by the Southern Ulster Rotary and the Plattekill Rod and Gun Club at Harris Lake on Firehouse Rd in Plattekill. There is no charge for the event, lots of prizes, and refreshments will be served. Kids up to age 15 are welcome. A parent or guardian must stay for the event.
- Jun 7 - Church wide Yard Sale, Saturday from 9 AM – 4 PM. Memorial United Methodist Church, Route 44-55, Modena.
- Jun 11 – Aloha Acres Social Club trip to Empire Casino in Yonkers. Residents of Aloha Acres pay \$25, non-residents \$30. This includes a \$10 food coupon and \$5.00 voucher. Bus leaves Plattekill Town Hall at 9:30 AM. Contact Peggy at 883- 9463 or Maryann @ 883-7567 to reserve.
- Jun 18 - Tee Ball Registration, 6 PM, Thomas Felten Community Park. For 3 to 9 year olds. Tee Ball will meet on Wednesdays at 6 PM, June 25 to August 13<sup>th</sup>. Coach Angela Tadry will provide instruction. Volunteer coaches needed. Contact Wayne Harris for more information at 883-6022.
- Jun 18 – Senior Trip to Westchester Broadway Theatre to see “Beauty and The Beast.” Seats are in the main isle, #143 to 154. Doors open at 11AM, food served at 11:30 AM. Curtain time 1 PM. Fee is \$53. Bus departs the Town Hall parking lot at 9 AM. Sponsored by the Plattekill Senior Citizen Club. Contact Dolores for additional information at 883-7265.
- Jun 18 – Platzi Brauhaus, Pomona, NY – Bus trip with a full day of activities and lots of great food! Includes breakfast, lunch and dinner, and use all their facilities. Enjoy the band, dancing, shuffleboard, swimming, bingo, gambling, beer and soda all day for free. \$38/pp. Bus departs the Town Hall parking lot at 10 AM. Sponsored by the Plattekill Golden Years. Contact Mary Tierney at 883-7854.
- Jun 21 – 7th Annual Modena Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary Craft Fair & Flea Market at Modena Fire House, 10 AM - 3:30 PM (rain or shine). Vendor space is available for \$25.00 per 8' x 10' booth area. Call Michelle at (845) 883-0465 for more information or to reserve a space.
- Jun 25 – Aug 13 Tee Ball 6 PM Wednesdays at Thomas Felten Community Park
- Jun 26 – “Bee Movie,” Plattekill Public Library, 6 PM.
- Jun 30– Summer Day Camp begins at Plattekill Elementary School and KOA 9am-3pm

### July

- Jul 1 – Clean-up Coupon Month begins in the Town of Plattekill.
- Jul 7 – Summer Reading Program begins at Plattekill Public Library.
- Jul 7 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Red, White, and Blue Golf Outing at the Garden Cathay. 9 holes, breakfast, lunch, prizes. \$45 per player. 9 AM Tee time, Registration and breakfast 8 AM. Contact Wayne Harris for more information at 883-6022.
- Jul 8 – Senior Trip to Aqua Turf, CT, Dixieland Delight. Events begin at 11 AM. Includes a five-course meal, all-you-can-eat, glass of wine or beer. Coffee & donuts upon arrival. Enjoy the spectacular gardens! Fee is \$34. Bus departs the Town Hall at 9 AM. Sponsored by the Plattekill Senior Citizen Club. Contact Dolores for additional information at 883-7265.
- Jul 12 – Red, White, and Blue Concert in the Park and Fireworks, 5 PM to 9 PM, Thomas Felten Community Park. Music by local band, “Touch of Rhythm.” Refreshments available. Bring your chair or blanket.
- Jul 29 – Aug 3 – Ulster County Fair, New Paltz
- Jul 29 – Italian Festival at Aqua Turf – Come enjoy their annual Italian Festival which includes entertainment and wonderful Italian food (family style). \$35/members, \$38/nonmembers. Bus leaves Town Hall at 9:15 AM. Sponsored by the Plattekill Golden Years. For more information and to purchase tickets, contact Mary Tierney at 883 -7854.

### August

**PULL OUT SECTION — Post somewhere prominent!**

- Aug 3 – Sunset Serenade featuring a Latin American Band, 6 PM. Bring your chairs and picnic baskets and enjoy the music sunset while overlooking the Shawangunk Ridge. Thomas Felten Community Park in Modena.
- Aug 4 – 8 - Vacation Bible School for Kids with an amusement park theme, from 6:15 PM to 8 PM. Memorial United Methodist Church, Modena
- Aug 6 – Aloha Acres Social Club trip to the "Tides" sponsored by "Ace in the Hole" for Uncle Floyd's Spaghetti Western. Aloha residents \$42, and non- residents \$47. Reservations need to be paid by June 6th. Contact Peggy at 883- 9463 or Maryann at 883-7567 to reserve a space.
- Aug 9 – Annual Chicken Barbeque sponsored by the United Methodist Church of Modena with sittings at 4:30 PM, 6 PM, with takeout available.
- Aug 10 - Sunset Serenade featuring the return of "Breakaway" classic hits, 6 PM. Bring your chairs , picnic baskets and enjoy the music and the sunset while overlooking the Shawangunk Ridge. Thomas Felten Community Park in Modena.
- Aug 17 - Sunset Serenade, 6 PM, featuring the Riverbank Banjo Band, playing Dixieland, Bluegrass, Polkas, and more. Bring your dancing shoes or a comfortable chair, picnic basket and enjoy the music.
- Aug 26 – "Butterfly Performance" at the Plattekill Public Library, open to the community, 6:30 PM.

### September

- Sep 21 – Plattekill Day, 10 AM to 5 PM, Thomas Felten Community Park in Modena.
- Sep 18 – Hunteerton Hills Playhouse, NJ, "My Three Angels" \$48.50, includes meal, show, buffet, coffee/tea. Entrée fried shrimpl and scallops, pot roast, catch of the day, breast of chicken with fruit stuffing, or salisbury steak and sautéed mushrooms, unlimited desserts. Bus departs town hall at 9AM. Contact Mary Tierney for tickets and information at 883-7854

**For the full calendar and the most current version, visit the town's Web site at <http://town.plattekill.ny.us>. The Web version is updated on a regular basis as events are submitted. For additions/changes/corrections to this calendar, email Jean Poirier at [jeanp5@optonline.net](mailto:jeanp5@optonline.net) or call (845) 883-5284. This list was updated 05/21/2008.**

## COMMUNITY NOTES

**3rd Annual Jamaican Style Chicken & Pork BBQ and Yard Sale** - Jamaican Style BBQ Jerk Chicken, Pork, and Fish, with herbed Corn-on-the-Cob, Jamaican Hard Dough Bread and assorted cold drinks sponsored by the Mount Triumphant Church of God in Clintondale. Complete dinners served with a drink are sold for \$7 each. We have picnic style servings and orders to go. Starts Memorial Day and runs every Saturday during the summer and ends on Labor Day from 11 AM to 6 PM. We are located at 1377 Route 44-55 Clintondale, NY 12515. Call 845-797-2157 for directions or call ahead to place your orders.

### **Plattekill Head Start News**, by Mary Brady

Happy Spring! We have watched our larvae turn into caterpillars, cocoons, and finally Painted Lady butterflies. We love watching them fly away high into the sky. We made special gifts for our parents for Mother's and Father's Day, piñatas and ponchos for Cinco de Mayo, and are taking field trips to Rocking Horse Ranch and the Children's Museum. We've had such a great year and many of us are ready for the BIG school! If you would like to have great fun with us and you will be 3 years old by 12/1/08, have a grown-up contact Betsy Escanio at 564-1693 to get an application and arrange a Wait List interview. Hope to see you in September!

### **Countywide Water Safety Poster Contest**

Ulster County cares about kids and wants them to be safe in and on the water, so a contest, which runs from now until July 31, 2008, is encouraging children to draw a poster about water safety. There are four age categories: Up to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade; grades 3 to 5, grades 6 to 8; and grades 9 and up. A winner from each category will be awarded a savings bond from Ulster Savings Bank. Rules for the contest include: posters are to be original work by the artist, no larger than 3 feet by 2 feet.; submit to any Ulster Savings Bank; include your name, address, phone, age, and grade on the poster for easy identification. Winners will be announced in August 2008. The contest is being sponsored by We Care About Kids in Ulster County, Ulster Savings Bank, YMCA, Ulster County Tourism, Kingston Parks and Recreation Department, Ulster County Buildings and Grounds, U.S. Coast Guard, Ulster County Legislature. Questions should be addressed to 340-3138.

## Town of Plattekill Recreation News

### Bicycle Safety Rodeo

On May 17, TOPREC, along with the Plattekill Police Benevolent Association, the Ulster County Sheriff's Office and the Ulster County Traffic & Safety Board co-sponsored a Bicycle Safety Rodeo at the Plattekill Town Hall. Approximately 20 children participated in the event. Pam Wanning, of the Ulster County Traffic & Safety Board and Ulster County Community College, along with Deputy Fister of the Ulster County Sheriff's office started the children off with a bicycle safety check, teaching the kids about the parts of the bicycle and in what condition they need to be in to be safely ridden. The kids also learned proper adjustments to their bicycle for height and size, and proper helmet fit. After completing the bicycle safety checklist, children rode through a course laid out across the entire parking lot of the town hall where they were required to demonstrate proper braking, steering, navigation, and observing road conditions. Each child received a goody bag of items and a chance to win a new bike and helmet. Thanks to the donations from Hanaford, Key Bank, and Walmart the event was able to raffle off one girls' bike and helmet and one boys' bike and helmet.



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### Men's Softball League

A men's softball league has started as of May 11 and the six teams will play each Sunday during summer. Additional teams can still be added and are being sought. If you are interested in participating, or forming another team, contact Wayne Harris at 883-6022. The men play at 10 AM, 12 noon, 2 PM, and 4 PM on Sundays. The President of the league is Frank Scotto, 1st Vice President is Louise Velez and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President is Miguel Mirabal, Secretary and Treasurer is Wayne Harris. The league members have worked hard on getting the field in its best shape in years.

### Softball Saturdays

Softball Saturdays for kids started May 3 and will run through June 14<sup>th</sup> at the Thomas Felten Park. It is for children 8 to 14 years of age and more can still join in on the fun by showing up. The group meets 10 AM to 12 noon on Saturdays.

### Busy Day at the Park

On April 26<sup>th</sup>, it was a busy day at the park with several events happening. Registration for Softball Saturdays took place forming two teams, the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Kite Day took place with about 20 kite flyers and their families, and the Great Pumpkin Seminar taught by David Daryl kicked off the pumpkin growing season. Participants in the latter event learned the best way to grow a pumpkin and were given seeds to get them started. The newly purchased and installed sound system was utilized with hopes to add to it before the summer concert season.

### Stune Memorial Bench

A bench in memory of Robert Stune, former landowner of the new parkland, has been ordered and will be placed at the park. The heirs of his estate donated funds for the bench. It is being made of stone and is expected to be delivered in late May.

## Upcoming Recreation Events

Jun 18 - Tee Ball Registration, 6 PM, Thomas Felten Community Park. For 3 to 9 year olds. Tee Ball will meet on Wednesdays at 6 PM, June 25 to August 13<sup>th</sup>. Volunteer coaches needed. Contact Wayne Harris for more information at 883-6022.

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- Jul 12 – Red, White, and Blue Concert in the Park and Fireworks. Concert 5 PM to 9 PM, fireworks at dusk. Thomas Felten Community Park. Music by local band, “Touch of Rhythm.” The Southern Ulster Rotary, Knights of Columbus, and the Boy Scouts will have refreshments available for sale. Bring your chair or blanket. Remember, no pets or alcohol at the park.
- Aug 3 – Sunset Serenade featuring a Latin American Band, 6 PM. Bring your chairs and picnic baskets and enjoy the music and the sunset overlooking the Shawangunk Ridge. Thomas Felten Community Park in Modena.

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The Riverbank Banjo Band, 2006

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Sep 21 - Plattekill Day, 10 AM to 5 PM at the Thomas Felten Community Park in Modena. Free parking, free entertainment. Crafts, vendors, and some children’s activities for a nominal

fee. TOPREC will once again sponsor a coloring contest, “American Master.” Pick up your blank picture at school or at the Town Hall, color it and bring it to the TOPREC booth to enter the contest and to have your picture displayed.

- October 4 - Great Pumpkin Weigh-in, 10 AM. Sponsored by TOPREC. Open to Plattekill residents and other Hudson Valley listeners of Daryl David’s Greater Hudson Valley morning radio show.
- Oct 13 - Red, White and on the Green Golf Tournament, co-sponsored with the Knights of Columbus. Tee off at 10 AM, registration at 9 AM. Includes breakfast, lunch and awards. \$45.00 per person. The event will take place at the Garden Cathay Golf Course in Plattekill. To register, call Wayne Harris at 883-6022.
- Oct 26 - Halloween Parade, 2 PM sharp. Children (12 and under) and senior citizens 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 3 – Adult Volleyball at Plattekill Elementary School, 6 PM. Open to Plattekill residents. The group will play on Mondays until January 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Nov 4 – “Skills and Drills” Basketball for Kids. Registration will take place on Nov 3 @ 6 PM sharp at Plattekill Elementary School, for ages 7 to 14 years. The group will meet Tuesday evenings until mid-February 2009.
- Dec 1 - Tree Lighting and Santa’s Workshop at the Park. The Rotary will serve refreshments, Plattekill Fire Department will deliver Santa Claus, and Modena Fire Department will lead the caroling! Enjoy the bon fire, join the fun and get in the spirit of the holidays!



**INDEPENDENCE DAY  
CONCERT AND FIREWORKS  
SATURDAY, JULY 12  
CONCERT: 5 PM TO 9 PM  
FIREWORKS: DUSK**

Visit the Town’s Web site for:

- Lots of information
- Email Subscription to this newsletter
- Minutes from Town Meetings and more!  
[www.town.plattekill.ny.us](http://www.town.plattekill.ny.us)

## SENIOR CORNER

(This section is printed in a larger font size for the convenience of our seniors. Reminder: This newsletter is covering the months of June, July and August. The next newsletter will come out in late August and will cover the months Sep. through Dec.)

### Care-A-Van Schedule

The Ulster County Office for the Aging Senior Care-a-Van will be in our area this summer. The van offers a variety of free health screening services to all Ulster County seniors age 60+. The Care-A-Van will be in nearby towns as follows:

Jun 2 – St. Charles Church in Gardiner, 11 AM – 3 PM

Jun 19 – Plattekill Public Library, Modena, 10 AM – 2 PM

Jul 2 – Aloha Acres Senior Community, New Paltz 10 AM – 2 PM

Jul 9 – Jenny's Garden, Marlboro, 10 AM – 2 PM

Aug 7 – Ulster County Fairgrounds, New Paltz, 10 AM – 4 PM

Aug 18 – Stop and Shop Plaza, New Paltz 10 AM – 2 PM

Aug 20 – Park Heights Senior Housing - Rosendale, 10 AM – 2 PM

Aug 25 – Elsie's Meadow, Third St. Wallkill, 10 AM – 2 PM

Aug 27 – New Prospect Reformed Church, Rt. 52, Pine Bush, 10 AM – 1 PM

For other dates and locations and for further information, contact the Ulster County Office for the Aging at 845-340-3456.

### Invitation from Aloha Acres Social Club

We are planning a trip to Empire Casino in Yonkers on Friday, June 11th. Residents of Aloha pay \$25 and non-residents \$30. This includes a \$10 food coupon and a \$5.00 voucher. The bus leaves Plattekill Town Hall at 9:30 AM. Contact Peggy at 883-9463 or Maryann @ 883-7567 to reserve.

On Wednesday, August 6th we will be going to the "Tides" sponsored by "Ace in the

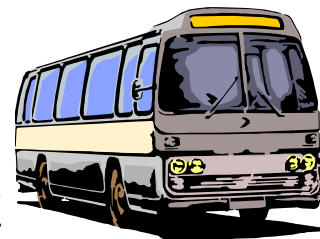
Hole" for Uncle Floyd's Spaghetti Western. Aloha residents \$42 and non-residents \$47. Paid reservations by June 6th. Contact Peggy at 883-9463 or Maryann @ 883-7567 to reserve.

### Senior Day at the Ulster County Fair

This year's Ulster County Fair will take place Tuesday, July 29 - Sunday, August 3, 2008 at the Ulster County Fairgrounds in New Paltz. Each year the fair has a Senior Citizen Day with free admission for seniors from 10 AM – 4 PM, which will be on Thursday July 31. The popular Senior Fashion Show will be held in the morning along with entertainment geared toward seniors! Enjoy all regularly scheduled entertainment throughout the day, including all of the exhibits, livestock, horse shows and special entertainment on the grounds. At the time of this printing, the headliner act for this day is Terri Clark, a Country Music Association and Academy of Country Music Top Female Vocalist nominee and Grand Ole Opry member. To take advantage of the free senior citizen day admission, go to the fair ticket booth between the hours of 10 AM and 4 PM, with proof of age (60 years and older). Your admission also includes rides, so bring the grandkids; children 4 and under are also free. For additional information visit the Web site at [www.ulstercountyfair.com](http://www.ulstercountyfair.com) or contact the Fair Office at (845) 255-1380 or email: [ulstercountyfair@hvc.rr.com](mailto:ulstercountyfair@hvc.rr.com).

### Senior Trips

Several trips are planned by the local senior groups in our community. Take a look at the Plattekill Community Events Calendar on page 5 to see what is being offered. To conserve space, they are not listed in this section again.



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# Programs @Plattekill Public Library

by Mary Antzak

The library is pleased to offer a variety of programs for all ages. We hope you stop in and join us for one of our summer programs. We are located at 2047 State Route 32, Modena, NY 12548, (845) 883-7286. Our hours are: Monday 1 – 6, Tuesday 1 – 8, Wednesday and Thursday 10 – 8, Friday 1 – 6, Saturday 10 – 3. You can also visit our Web site at [www.plattekill.lib.ny.us](http://www.plattekill.lib.ny.us).

**Take Note:** Due to the Fire Code and our limited space, we must limit participants for all indoor programs to ensure safety. **Registration is mandatory -- so sign up early!**

## June

No evening read aloud for this month.

Jun 26 - Movie – **“Bee Movie”** at 6 PM, Community Room below the library.

## July & August

### Two Summer Reading Programs

We now offer two Summer Reading programs; one for children AND one for adults! Both run from July 7<sup>th</sup> through August 30. The children’s theme is **CATCH the READING BUG**; teens’ and adults’ theme is **METAMORPHOSIS @ YOUR LIBRARY**. Don’t miss out on the great prizes (like free ice cream at Stewart’s, cloth tote bags, and free pizza) that will be given out to **kids, teens, and adults** who register to read books over the summer. Remember to fill out your raffle tickets! Registration to be a “library reader” and for all programs begins on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, so get ready for some great summer reads!

**Some of this summer’s special programs will be:**

- American Girls Club Tea Party
- Beach Party
- Butterfly Art & Storytelling (grades 4-6)
- “Butterfly Performance” for the Community on 8/26 at 6:30 PM
- Classic 50’s horror films on Saturdays in black & white
- Computer Classes for Seniors
- Defensive Driving Class
- Homemade Card-Making workshops
- Junior Book Club (grades 4-6)
- Make-Your-Own Beaded Jewelry for Adults and Kids age 10 and up
- Magic Show
- Outdoor Games (weather permitting)
- Wayfinder Experience

Contact the library for more information by email at [plattekill\\_lib@hotmail.com](mailto:plattekill_lib@hotmail.com) or phone us at 883-7286. A complete calendar of events can be seen on the library’s web site that is noted above.

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the United Methodist Church Thrift Shop which supports the local food pantry, The Skipper Initiative, books to Plattekill Headstart, blankets and towels to Plattekill Dog Control Shelter, spare clothing and small blankets to the Plattekill Elementary School Heath office and other local charities. It was a true win-win for all and thanks to all those involved and who attended the sale.

Sincerely, Jean Poirier, President of Friends of the Plattekill Public Library

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