

Plattekill Times

SUMMER 2007
Late May, June,
July & August

Message from the Supervisor

We are gearing up for an event filled summer, kicking off with our annual Memorial Day Parade, centered in Clintondale this year, on Sunday, May 27th at 2 PM. I hope you can join us for this annual event. Please view the Plattekill Community Events Calendar in this newsletter and on our web site for an ongoing list of happenings in our vibrant community.

Speaking of community, we have an outstanding number of individuals that volunteer and give back to the community in more ways than we know. Consider nominating a Plattekill resident that goes "above and beyond" in their efforts to make a difference as Citizen of the Year. See the article on page 2 for more details.

Recently, town officials and local residents took part in an informal walk around the newly acquired parkland. The property is open to any and all who would like to explore. Just follow the lane that runs east from the playground area and back into the fields at the top of the hill. A Park Expansion Committee is being formed and a site plan map is available for review at the Town Hall. Various funding opportunities are being explored to assist with this and other town projects.

We have much to be thankful for and much to look forward to as we move forward in securing a healthy future for the Town of Plattekill. Have a safe and healthy summer.

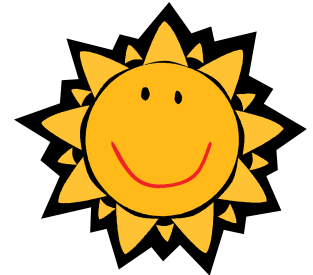
Sincerely,
Bruce Loertscher

Town Receives Grant Money

Senator Larkin's office provided an \$8,000 grant to assist the town with the purchase of a new computer to be used in a Plattekill Police car. The cost of the new computer was \$10,000. A local citizen, Michael Baum, kindly donated the additional \$2,000, to make the purchase possible. Mr. Baum donated the money to the PBA, and the PBA has agreed to give the money to the town for the com-



Hannaford under construction in Modena on May 14, 2007. Photo by Jean Poirier



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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puter. Many thanks go out to Senator Larkin and Michael Baum for helping keep our town a safe place to live.

Middle Class STAR Rebate Information

by Mike Dunham

The following are frequently asked questions about this rebate program. If you can't find the answer you need here, contact the Assessor's Office at Town Hall by visiting or calling Mike Dunham at 883-7331.

What is the Middle Class STAR Rebate?

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.

Do I need to do anything to receive the check?

If you receive the Basic STAR Exemption, you will receive an application from the New York State Department of Taxation in late summer. This application must be returned to the Taxation Department, which will issue the checks as the applications are received. If you are receiving the Enhanced STAR Exemption, you will not need to complete the application. You will automatically receive a check from the state.

Will I need to submit an application each year?

No, once you complete the application for 2007, you will not need to send one in subsequent years. The check will automatically be sent out each year as long as you are receiving the Star or Enhanced STAR Exemption.

What will be the amount I will receive from the state?

The amount will vary per school district and will be based on your Adjusted Gross Income from 2005. The amount you will receive will be a percentage of your 2007 STAR Savings.

When will I receive the check?

Since the amount of the rebate will depend on the 2007 School Taxes, the checks will not be mailed out until late fall.

If am eligible for the STAR exemption but did not file for the 2007 school tax year, will I be eligible for the rebate?

No. You must apply for STAR by Taxable Status Date, which is March 1, to receive the rebate check for a particular year.

Carbon Monoxide Detectors

Carbon monoxide (CO) alarms are required on all new construction single and multi-family residences. They are also required for all single and multi-family dwellings that are for sale. Basically, CO alarms will warn you of a potentially dangerous situation that your senses cannot detect. CO can kill, or make you very ill. So be safe and ensure you have them installed immediately outside the vicinity of your bedrooms!

Pool Alarms

Swimming pool alarms are not only a good idea but they are now required by code effective 12/14/06. The new 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.

Storm Water Annual Report and Presentation

The Town Board will be holding a presentation on the Storm Water Management Program Annual Report on May 30, 2007 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall. Draft copies of the report are available at the Town Clerk's Office.

Citizen of the Year Award

Do you know a Plattekill resident who stands out, goes above and beyond when volunteering or helping others? If so, consider nominating that person as Citizen of the Year. Each year the town recognizes an outstanding individual who is nominated by the community and is awarded a plaque at Plattekill Day in September. His/her name is added to a permanent plaque at the Town Hall. If you can think of someone deserving of this award, complete a nomination form by downloading one from the town's web site (<http://town.plattekill.ny.us>) or by picking one up at the Town Hall. The deadline for nominations is August 15, 2007. The nominee can be a volunteer sports coach, any volunteer in the community, or any special citizen and resident of Plattekill. Please be aware that elected officials are not eligible for this award. For further information, you can contact Esther Coppola, Chairperson of the Citizen of the Year Committee, at 883-7292.

Highway Department Summer Hours

Please note the summer hours for the Town's Highway Department are Monday through Thursday, 6:30 AM to 5 PM.

Fire Department News

New Tanker at the Clintondale Fire Department

The Clintondale Fire Department (aka Allied Communities Fire Company) is pleased to announce the addition of a new tanker to its fleet. The 2007 Freightliner by American LaFrance has been in service since April. It holds 2000 gallons of water and was purchased with monies in reserve and with a \$75,000 grant secured with the help of Senator Larkin. The department is proud to mention that this new truck was obtained without any tax increase. The department now has a truck with increased water capacity, a bigger pump, and an automatic transmission so it can be driven by more volunteers. All drivers must complete safety training in order to drive the vehicle safely. The tanker will be in the Memorial Day Parade, so look for the big, red tanker, sporting number T2130 and Clintondale Fire Department. This new tanker is replacing a 27 year old tanker that was not always reliable; however it will be kept in reserve in case it is needed. Congratulations to the department for keeping their equipment up-to-date, for seeking grant funding opportunities and for volunteering their time and efforts to keep our community safe. Thank you also goes out to Senator Larkin for his continued support of our town.



Clintondale Fire Department's officers with the new tanker. L to R: Robert Riley, Chief; Rick Raffa, Deputy Chief; Robert Riley Jr., 2nd Asst. Chief; Fred DeMaio, Captain; Alan Ferguson, 2nd Lt. & President; Jon Nash, Foreman; Jenny Merrill, Medical Officer. Photo by Jean Poirier

Modena to Host County Parade and Convention

Modena Fire and Rescue will be hosting this year's Ulster County Volunteer Firefighters Convention on July 28, 2007. This is a huge event and the town is proud that Modena Fire and Rescue was selected as the host this year. The public is invited to view the parade, which will begin on Freetown Highway and end at the Thomas Felten Community Park in Modena.

The events of the convention are at the park, and they are expecting approximately 60 fire companies to attend.



Wayne Harris (right) presenting Robert Betanzos with the Pride of Ulster County Award on April 29, 2007. Photo by Stacey Lloyd.

Assistant Fire Chief Honored

Robert Betanzos, 2nd Assistant Chief and President of Plattekill Fire and Rescue, received three awards on April 29th at a surprise award dinner held at the fire department on Firehouse Road in Plattekill. The award stemmed from a March fire on New Unionville Road where Betanzos pulled an 84 year old, wheel-chair-bound woman from a burning house, saving her life. Ulster County honored Betanzos with a Pride of Ulster County award "in honor and recognition of his heroism for entering a burning building and saving a life." The award was presented by Ulster County Legislator Wayne Harris. He received the Pride of Plattekill Award that "recognizes a town of Plattekill resident who, through outstanding deeds, has brought honor and distinction and a sense of pride to his neighbors and community." This award was presented by Town Supervisor Bruce Loertscher and Cindy Delgado, Councilwoman. His final award was presented from the Plattekill Fire Department by Fire Chief Mike Croce. Our congratulations and gratitude go out to Mr. Betanzos.

Community Service Project to Aid Dog Shelter

Amanda D'Agostino and Taylor Robinson from Girl Scout Troop 478 are working towards their Bronze Award. Their community service project is collecting donations for the Plattekill dog shelter. Donations of blankets, towels, chew bones, toys, dog treats, bowls, leashes, and collars can be dropped off at the Town Hall or at Babba Louies. Please support this community project and the dog shelter!

Let's Clean up! By Curt Dankelmann

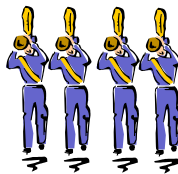
We are happy to announce that the Free Metal program has been extended to two months and will take place during both June and July. Scrap metal market conditions have changed dramatically within the past few months and we want to pass these savings along to residents and customers. These changes allow us to waive the fees charged for scrap metal, with minor exceptions. Those exceptions pertain to the evacuation of Freon from air conditioners, dehumidifiers, refrigerators and freezers. We are installing another scale at the facility and will be able to purchase scrap metal from the public. Stop by or call for details at 883-7100

July is "Clean-Up Coupon Month." All you have to do is go to the Town Clerk's office beginning June 1, prove residency, and receive a coupon good for the first \$17.50 worth of disposable waste. Bring the coupon, along with your material, to the Transfer Station during the month of July. Call the transfer station for additional details. The Transfer Station is open seven days a week. Operating hours are 8 AM to 4 PM Monday – Saturday, and 8 AM – 12 noon on Sunday. The phone number is 883 – 7100. Coupons will not be available before June 1.

Our recycling program has expanded to include the proper disposal and recycling of old computers. E – Waste is becoming a major problem and we would like to stay ahead of the curve by providing our residents and customers with a good disposal option.

Also we invite everyone to view our web site at www.secondnaturerecycling.com. Click Products and Services, then Transfer Station Services, then Town of Plattekill and there is everything you would want to know about the transfer station.

Memorial Day Events At a Glance



Sunday May 27

8 AM to 11 AM - Appreciation Breakfast for Veterans, Modena Fire and Rescue

9 AM Services at the Monument in Clintondale (Maple and Mill Street)

1:00 PM Line up for the Parade – Clintondale Fire Department

2:00 PM Official start of the Parade, Clintondale

2:45 PM End of parade closing ceremony and refreshments at the Clintondale Fire Department

Monday May 28

1:00 PM – Memorial Day Service and Luncheon – Aloha Acres (see article on page 9).

Appreciation Breakfast for Veterans

Modena Fire and Rescue will host a free breakfast for all local veterans and their families at the firehouse in Modena on Sunday, May 27, 8 AM to 11 AM. If you are a local veteran, you are invited to attend this appreciation breakfast. To register or to receive additional information, call the fire house at 883-6937 any Monday night, 7 PM to 9 PM.

Memorial Day Parade and Celebration

Join the town in celebrating and honoring our veterans by attending this year's annual Memorial Day Parade on Sunday, May 27th at 2 PM. This year the parade will be held in Clintondale with the line-up at 1:00 PM and the official step-off at 2:00 PM. It will start on Bedell Ave., and continue down Rt. 44/55 to Cliff Avenue, then onto Crescent Ave, continue to Maple Ave., and then back onto Rt. 44/55 ending at the Clintondale Fire House. Following the parade, there will be memorial services in front of the station, then hot dogs and cold drinks. For further information, contact the Clintondale Firehouse at 883-6124 or Dean DePew at 883-6179. Volunteers are still needed to assist serving food at the end of the parade.



Summer Recreation



T-Ball

T-Ball will take place Wednesday evenings for ages 3 – 9, June 27th – August 8th. Registration is June 11th at 6 PM at the Town Hall. Coaches are needed so please volunteer! For further information, contact Wayne Harris, Recreation Director at (845) 883-6022.

Plattekill Day Camp

Sign-up for this year's Summer Camp is on May 22nd, 6:00 PM at the Town Hall. Town resident children between the ages of 8 to 14 yrs. are eligible. All children must have current immunization records: no exceptions will be made. The cost is \$185.00 for the first child, \$175.00 for the second child, and prorated beyond that for children in the same family. The camp takes place at Plattekill Elementary School and the fee includes a camp T-shirt. The dates of the camp are June 26 – August 2. Kids can take part in swimming, roller skating, bowling, volley ball, arts and crafts, and day trips.

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Town of Plattekill Community Events Calendar

May

May 27 – Memorial Day Parade in Clintondale 2 PM

May 30 – Public presentation of the Town's MS4 Stormwater Annual Report, 7 PM, Plattekill Town Hall.

June

Jun 1 – Free Metal Collection this month at the town transfer station. 883-7100

Jun 1 – Pet Clinic, Plattekill Town Garage, behind Town Hall, 4 PM – 6 PM.

Jun 2 – Giant Yard Sale, 9 AM – 3 PM. Our Lady of Fatima Church, Plattekill.

Jun 2 – Youth Fishing Derby, 8 AM – 12 PM, Plattekill Rod and Gun Club, Harris Lake on Firehouse Road in Plattekill. Free snacks, food and refreshments for all kids who enter. Sponsored by the Plattekill Rod and Gun Club and The Southern Ulster Rotary Club.

Jun 11 – Tee Ball Registration, 6 PM, Plattekill Town Hall in Modena.

Jun 13 - Plattekill Senior Citizen Bus Trip, Broadway Show, Mt. Haven, Milford, PA. \$30.95. For trip information contact Sharon Beadle at 895-3135.

Jun 13 - Plattekill Golden Years Bus Trip, Platz Brauhaus, Pomona, NY. Members \$38, nonmembers \$40, Bus leaves Town Hall at 10:00 AM. For information contact Mary Tierney at 883-7854.

Jun 15 – Jr. Golf Academy Registration, 6 PM, Plattekill Town Hall in Modena.

Jun 16 - Town of Plattekill Historical Society sponsored tour of the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor and the New Windsor Cantonment in New Windsor, NY at 2:30 PM. Carpooling is available. For information call 883-6118.

Jun 16 - Family Fun Night, Movie "Left Behind" 6:30 PM, refreshments, free admission. Mount Triumphant Church of God, Clintondale.

Jun 25 – Aug 2 Town of Plattekill Summer Camp (Registration May 22)

Jun 27 – Aug 8 Tee Ball starts on Jun 27 and will take place Wednesday evenings. For ages 3 – 9. Registration was on June 11.

July

Jul 1 – Free Metal Collection this month at the town transfer station. 883-7100

Jul 1 - Clean-up Coupon Month Begins – prove your residency and pick up your coupon at the Town Hall.

Jul 1 – Second Annual Red, White, and Blue Golf Tournament, 1 PM shot gun start, Garden Cathay Golf Course, Plattekill. Register by calling Wayne Harris at 883-6022.

Jul 4 - Family & Friends Appreciation Day Picnic - Mount Triumphant Church of God, Clintondale. Free to the community as a way of saying Thank You for all who have given to us. Starting at noon.

Jul 7 – Red, White and Blue Concert and Fireworks Celebration, featuring the "Shallows." Concert at 5 PM, fire works at dusk. Don't miss the 7-7-7 celebration, a surprise at 07/07/07 at 7:07 PM!

Jul 11 – Aug 1 - Jr. Golf Academy, Wednesdays, 9 AM – 10 AM, Garden Cathay Golf Course, Plattekill.

Jul 11 - Library Magic with the Optimystiks, 6:30PM. Plattekill Public Library.

Jul 13 – Wayfinder Experience for Tweens and Teens, 3 PM, Plattekill Public Library.

Jul 15 – Wet Down Celebration for the Plattekill Fire Department, details TBA.

Jul 17 - Plattekill Golden Years Bus Trip, Aqua Turf Club - Polkafest, Plantsville, CT. Members \$34, nonmembers \$34. Bus leaves Town Hall at 9:15 AM. For trip information contact Mary Tierney at 883-7854.

Jul 18 - Read with "KIZZY: One Incredible Dog!" 10:30AM. Plattekill Public Library

Jul 19 – Pajama Read aloud, 6:30 PM, Plattekill Public Library

Jul 21 - Town of Plattekill Historical Society invites the public to come to Thomas Felten Park for historical displays and refreshment at 2 PM.

Jul 24 – Letterboxing, 6 PM, Plattekill Public Library.

Jul 26 – Harry Potter Birthday Party, 6:30 PM, Plattekill Public Library.

Jul 28 – Ulster County Volunteer Fireman Association Parade.

Jul 31—Aug 5 Ulster County Fair, New Paltz Fairgrounds.

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Post this calendar on your refrigerator or at your desk for quick reference!

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August

Aug 7 - American Girls Embroidery Program featuring Felicity, 4 PM. Open to children "going into" 2nd grade and up. Plattekill Public Library.

Aug 11 - Defensive Driving Course 9 AM – 3 PM, Plattekill Public Library. Call 895-5098 to register.

Aug 11* - Plattekill Senior Citizen Bus Trip, Summer Show at Woodloch Pines-Hawley, PA.

For trip information contact Sharon Beadle at 895-3135.

Aug 12 - Sunset Serenade - West Point Jazz Knights, 6 PM. Thomas Felten Community Park in Modena.

Aug 15 – One Book, One Community, 6:30 PM, Plattekill Public Library.

Aug 16 – Campfire Read aloud, 6:30 PM, Plattekill Public Library.

Aug 17 – Tales of the Unknown for Tweens and Teens, 2 PM Plattekill Public Library.

Aug 19 – 200 Club Roast Beef Dinner, 2 PM – 5 PM, Clintondale Fire Department, for information call the station at 883-6124.

Aug 23 – Family Game Night, 6:30 PM, Plattekill Public Library.

Aug 24 – HALO for Tweens and Teens, 3 PM, Plattekill Public Library

Aug 28 – Incredible Balloon Workshop, 6:30 PM, Plattekill Public Library. Call to register at 883-7286.

Aug 30 – Talk on Ancient Indian Dam, 6:30 PM, Plattekill Public Library

*denotes change to original schedule

For the purposes of this edition, only late May, June, July and August events are listed. A full year calendar can be viewed by visiting the Town of Plattekill Web site at <http://town.plattekill.ny.us>. Submit your community event listing today! For additions/changes/corrections to this calendar, e-mail Jean Poirier at jeanp5@optonline.net or call 883-5284. This list was updated 5/20/07.



Community Notes

Youth Fishing Derby

The Plattekill Rod and Gun Club and the Southern Ulster Rotary Club are sponsoring their annual Youth Fishing Derby on Saturday, June 2, 8 AM – 12 PM, at Harris Lake located on Firehouse Road, Plattekill. Free snacks, food and refreshments will be offered to all children who enter. Join in the fun!

Giant Indoor/Outdoor Yard Sale

Our Lady of Fatima Church (Rt. 32 in Plattekill) will be holding its annual Giant Indoor/Outdoor Yard Sale on Saturday, June 2 from 9 AM to 3 PM. Join them for this fun annual event. They are seeking vendors as follows: indoor tables are \$15.00, and outdoor tables are \$10.00. To rent a table, please contact the rectory at 564-4972.

Plattekill Historical Society Events

The Plattekill Historical Society has been busy planning and sponsoring events. They plan on participating in the Memorial Day parade and their next event will be a tour of the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor and the New Windsor Cantonment in New Windsor, NY at 2:30 PM on June 16. Carpooling is available. For further information about attending this event or about joining the group, call 883-6118. A list of upcoming events include:

July 21, 2007: Local Historical Displays at the Thomas Felten Park Community Park in Modena, 2 PM.

August 18, 2007: Tour of the Elting Memorial Library Local History Room, 2 PM.

Mount Triumphant Church of God on Rt. 44/55 in Clintondale announces the following fundraising events: Memorial Day to Labor Day - Flea Market and Chicken & Jerk Pork BBQ fund raisers - every Saturday in front of the church, 10 AM to 6 PM. Flea Market vendors wanted! Vendor space is available for \$25.00 a day. Funds collected will help raise money for a new church. Call 883-6196 to sign up or email Pastor-RalphMTCG@Gmail.com.

Plattekill Head Start News, by Mary Brady

We're happy spring is here and we can go out every day to play. It's important for us to use our muscles running, jumping and climbing outdoors. We are raising caterpillars in our classroom and by the time you read this, we hope that we've seen butterflies come out of their cocoons and fly away to enjoy the world. We celebrated Cinco de Mayo by making colorful ponchos and maracas and we had a piñata! We also made gifts for our moms for Mother's Day and for our dads for Father's Day.

We look forward to Step-Up Day when 25 of us will be ready to go on to Kindergarten in the "Big School." If you have friends who will be 3 years old by December 1, 2007 and are interested in coming to our school to do these cool things, please have a parent call Betsy Escanio at 564-1693 for more information.

Area Pet Clinic

Laura Stein, DVM, of Main Street Veterinary Clinic in Cornwall-on-Hudson, will be offering mobile pet clinics to the public in our area. Her next scheduled clinic is on June 1, at the 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 regular clinic in Cornwall-on-Hudson. Call to schedule an appointment or ask questions: 845-534-3644.

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Great Pumpkin of Plattekill Contest

Can you grow the biggest, most beautiful pumpkin?! Try and enter this fun contest. On April 21st, the town sponsored a pumpkin growing seminar featuring gardening expert Daryl David. If you missed the seminar, here are a few tips he provided: "You have to water constantly- they love water and fertilizer," and "don't cut your pumpkin until an hour before the contest." David states that if you cut too early, the water loss is great. The weigh-in will be in October at a date to be determined in the near future. It will take place at Thomas Felten Community Park in Modena. The following classes will be judged: Beginner (0 – 12 yrs.); Junior (13 – 18 yrs.); Master (18+ yrs.) in the following categories: Weight; Best in Class; Organic; and Non-organic. Pick up an entry form at the Town Hall.

2nd Annual Red, White and Blue Golf Tournament

The 2nd Annual Red, White and Blue Golf tournament will take place at Garden Cathay Golf Course, July 1, 2007. 9 Holes: 3 holes from red tees; 3 holes from white tees; 3 holes from blue tees. 1 PM shotgun start, lunch, and prizes. To register and to learn fee information, call Wayne Harris at 883-6022.

Annual 4th of July Fireworks and Concert

Join the town on July 7, 2007 for spectacular fireworks and a free concert featuring the "Shallows." The event will take place at the Thomas Felten Community Park in Modena. Be ready for some excitement when we reach 7/7/07 at 7:07 PM – TOPREC is planning a fun celebration! Concert at 5 PM, fireworks at dusk.

Junior Golf Academy

The 2nd annual Junior Golf Academy will be offered again this summer and will be taught by a golf professional at the Garden Cathay Golf course. Boys and girls between 10 and 17 years of age are welcome to participate. Beginner to intermediate levels offered. Wednesdays 9 AM to 10 AM, July 11th – Aug 4th. \$20.00 per person. Registration will be on June 15th at 6:30 PM at the Plattekill Town Hall in Modena. Your own equipment is required.

Sunset Serenade

Once again the town will offer a Sunset Serenade. However we have upped the ante with two concerts planned at the time of this printing. They are as follows:

August 5 – The "Breakaways" will perform at 6 PM.

August 12 - The West Point Jazz Knights will perform on Sunday at 4 PM.

Both programs will take place at the Thomas Felten Community Park in Modena. Come watch the sunset, enjoy the view and beautiful music. Both events are free and open to the public.



Get a Clue @ Your Library Summer Reading Program



This summer, the Plattekill Public Library will take part in a set of national library events that revolve around the theme of mystery stories. From Sherlock Holmes to the Hardy Boys and Nancy Drew, mysteries play a major role in literature for all ages. Last year, the theme was Pirates - and our Library nearly walked off the plank in setting up treasure hunts and other swashbuckling events. We are confident that this year's "Get a Clue" theme should be just as much fun. **July 9 through August 31, children and adults can sign up at the library to read for prizes.** Here is a listing of our programs during the summer. Check out the library's calendar and website at <http://plattekill.lib.ny.us> for more information. The Plattekill Public Library is located at 2047 State Route 32, Modena, NY 12548. Call us at 883-7286.

July programs:

- Library Magic with the Optimystiks on July 11 at 6:30PM.
- Wayfinder Experience for Tweens and Teens on July 13 at 3PM.
- Read with "KIZZY: One Incredible Dog!" on July 18 at 10:30AM. Besides Kizzy the dog, Judy Audevard will bring copies of Kizzy's book to purchase (\$15.00 each) with Kizzy "paw signing" them!
- Pajama Readaloud on July 19 at 6:30PM.
- Letterboxing on July 24 at 6:00 PM.
- Harry Potter Birthday Party on July 26 at 6:30 PM.
- Two Tuesdays – Mystery Book Club at 4pm (helps develop writing skills)
- Two Saturdays – Movies at 12 noon - Casino Royale and Flushed Away

August programs:

- American Girls Embroidery Program featuring Felicity on August 7 at 4 PM. This program is open to children "going into" 2nd Grade and up.
- Defensive Driving Course on August 11 from 9 AM – 3 PM. Take this course and get 10% off your insurance and up to a 4 point reduction. Fee: \$50.00. Call 895-5098 to register.
- **One Book, One Community.** Everyone over 16 years old is invited to participate. First, read "Murder in the Catskills" during June or July. Then come join us on August 15 at 6:30 PM for a discussion of the book with author Norm Van Valkenburgh. Refreshments will be provided. Sponsored by the Plattekill Readers' Book Club.
- Campfire Readaloud on August 16 at 6:30 PM.
- Tales of the Unknown for Tweens and Teens on August 17 at 2 PM.
- Family Game Night on August 23 at 6:30 PM. Bring the entire family – we'll provide the games!
- HALO for Tweens and Teens: August 24 at 3 PM. Must have a permission slip from a parent or legal guardian to play (no exceptions).
- Incredible Balloon Workshop on August 28 at 6:30 PM. Learn how to make balloon animals and more. Open to the first 30 kids (6 years old and up) to register.
- Ancient Indian Dam Discussion on August 30 at 6:30 PM. Shirley Anson from the Plattekill Historical Society will speak about this mysterious structure in Plattekill.
- Two Tuesdays – Mystery Book Club at 4 PM (helps develop writing skills)
- Two Saturdays – Movies at 12 noon – When a Stranger Calls and Cars

Regular programs at the Plattekill Public Library:

Mondays – Crafts at 4 PM

Wednesdays – Story time at 10:30 AM, Secret Kids Club at 4 PM

Thursdays – Story time at 10:30 AM

Fridays – Just for Tweens and Teens

Senior Information

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

From the Golden Years Seniors Club

The Golden Years Seniors are pleased to welcome their new officers for the current year: Emilie Rappleyea as President, Rosalie Schembari as Vice President, Faye Branca as Secretary, and Mary Jerminario as Treasurer. On **June 15**, they will be having an **Installation Dinner** at McGillicuddy's in New Paltz at 12 noon. The cost is \$12.00 per person and includes tax and gratuity. The dinner will offer three choices: fish, London broil, or penne a la vodka).

Two upcoming trips sponsored by the Golden Years include:

June 13 - Platz Brauhaus, Pomona, NY. Members \$38, Nonmembers \$40. The bus leaves Town Hall at 10:00 AM. There will be a barbeque at 12 PM and dinner at 4 PM. Enjoy the good food, music, dancing, and wonderful facilities.

July 17 - Aqua Turf Club - Polkafest, Plantsville, CT. Members and nonmembers \$34. The bus leaves Town Hall at 9:15 AM. For more information about either trip, contact Mary Tierney at 883-7854.

Exercise and Crocheting

The Golden Years are offering seniors an exercise program by the Ulster County Office of the Aging, usually two times a month; the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 12:30 PM. The bi-weekly meeting immediately follows at 1:30PM. There are also two individuals willing to teach crocheting, and occasionally a few stay after the meeting to learn how to crochet. If you are interested, come to a club meeting.

From the Plattekill Senior Club, submitted by Rita Acevedo

A good time was had by our club on our April 11th trip to Ehrhardt's at Lake Wallenpack. The luncheon was served family style and featured lemon cod, pot roast, and chicken and dumplings. Delicious! We were entertained by a troupe production that spoofed the I Love Lucy Show in a mystery that included audience participation. It was very interesting.

On April 19, one of our members hosted a Native American Herbal Tea Party as a fundraiser for the club. Delightful, all natural teas and cookies were served. Many members enjoyed the healthful teas with names like Teepee Dreams, Warriors Brew, Victory Tea, and Green Tea. If any one would like more information please contact Rita Acevedo at 566-1337 for a free flyer about the wonderful brews.

If you like to crochet, preemie babies need hats and blankets. Several members have made items and contributed them to St. Luke's Hospital. However, every hospital has premature babies, so call them and let them know you would like to contribute to this cause.

The Aloha Acres Social Club is an active senior community in our town and they often open their programs up to non-residents of Aloha Acres. They would like to announce the following upcoming events. Direct questions to Dottie Longbard at 883-0084.

May 28 – Memorial Day Service and Luncheon, sponsored by the Aloha Acres Social

Town of Plattekill

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Club. 11 AM at the Flag Pole at Aloha Acres. They will offer a beautiful Memorial Day Service during which an Air Cadet Color Guard and bugler will be present and will play Taps. Ed Longbard will read the names of deceased veterans from Aloha Acres. A luncheon will follow at the club house. Those attending the service will be offered free tickets to the luncheon.

Care-A-Van Schedule

The Ulster County Office for the Aging 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 4 – St. Charles Church in Gardiner, 11 AM – 3 PM

Jun 11 – Jewish Community Center, Rt. 32 New Paltz, 10 AM – 2 PM

Jul 5 – Plattekill Public Library 10 AM – 2 PM

Jul 6 – Jenny's Garden, Marlboro, 10 AM – 2 PM

Jul 9 – Jewish Community Center, Rt. 32 New Paltz, 10 AM – 2 PM

Jul 11 – Aloha Acres in New Paltz, 10 AM – 2 PM

Aug 2 – Ulster County Fairgrounds 10 AM – 4 PM

Aug 13 – Jewish Community Center, Rt. 32 New Paltz, 10 AM – 2 PM

Aug 15 - Park Heights Senior Housing - Rosendale, 10 AM – 2 PM

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

Senior Day at the Ulster County Fair

This year's Ulster County Fair will take place Tuesday, July 31st - Sunday, August 5th, 2007 at the Ulster County Fairgrounds in New Paltz. Each year the Fair has a Senior Citizen Day with free admission for seniors from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., which will be on Thursday (Aug. 2). 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 Raindrops and Boondocks Tour, featuring B.J. Thomas and Billy Joe Royal. To take advantage of the free senior citizen day admission, go to the fair ticket booth between the hours of 10:00 AM and 4:00 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 or contact the Fair Office at (845) 255-1380 or email: fair.ulster@verizon.net

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