

Plattekill Times

FALL 2010

Message from the Supervisor

It has been a beautiful and hot summer, and I hope our citizens have enjoyed a good old-fashioned country summer. Many families took advantage of the Town of Plattekill Day Camp which had fun days at the Plattekill KOA pool, took field trips to Skatetime 209, a water park, to the movies, and fun days at the Felten Park. Our seniors participated in an Annual Senior Picnic on August 8th which was followed by a great Sunset Serenade by "Break Away." It was a beautiful day that ended with a gorgeous sunset overlooking the Shawangunk Mountains. August 5th marked the start of our very own Plattekill Farmer's Market where many purchased locally grown, fresh farm produce, baked items, oils and specialty items. If you haven't enjoyed the bountiful harvest from the growing season be sure to visit the market and buy local. The Farmer's Market takes place each Thursday, 4 PM to 8 PM at the Town Hall.

I am extremely pleased to announce that the Town finalized the purchase of the Stune property at the corner of Route 32 and Patura Road. The land is the last puzzle piece, completing the final parcel of parklands. Although its future use is yet to be decided, it was an important purchase for the future of our Town.

Lastly, let me welcome new Zoning Board member Lawrence Farrelly. We are pleased to have him fulfilling this important role.

See you at Plattekill Day on Sunday, September 19th!

Sincerely,
Bruce Loertscher

Senior Picnic and Serenade

On August 8th, many of our seniors enjoyed a picnic in the park, compliments of the Town of Plattekill and its many sponsors. It was a beautiful afternoon at the park and the pavilion was almost full to capacity for this day of food and music. Supervisor Loertscher, Deputy Supervisor Croce and Ulster County Legislator Kevin Roberts were a few of the many volunteers that served the seniors an all-American picnic of grilled hot dogs with all the fixings, salads, baked beans, and root beer floats for dessert.



Supervisor Loertscher serves up food to seniors.

Following the picnic, the Sunset Serenade concert began at 6 PM with the band "Break Away." Wayne Harris, Recreation Director coordinated the event, providing 120 tickets to those seniors who requested one. The food, drinks and numer-

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Council's Corner

(This column is written by a Town Board member on a quarterly basis, rotating between board members so each has a chance to share their views.)

What a summer we've had here in Plattekill! The heat has been intense, but compared to last summer I'll definitely take this heat instead of rain. And the nice sunny days allow us all to get the most out of our town! I hope everyone has been able to get to the Farmer's Market, at least once. It is a great way to be able to share and appreciate our Town's agricultural history. One of the reasons Plattekill exists is because of our farming heritage, as evidenced by our working farms today, often being run by the grandchildren, or great-grandchildren of the men and women who started those farms.

The T-Ball program run by Wayne Harris and the Recreation Department was fantastic this year. The Recreation Department did a great job and I loved seeing those little guys running around on the field!

I hope everyone got out to see the Fireworks this year! I know we all had to rearrange our schedules because of the rain, but I think we were able to enjoy it more given how beautiful that Sunday night was. The local band, "Maria's Basement" did a great job and I'd like to thank Jon Crone for researching bands, and picking that one out for us. I'd also like to thank the Fire Departments for their involvement, especially with parking, and traffic control, as well as first aid stations, and looking for hot spots that may have been left by the fireworks. It takes a lot of people and a lot of hard work to pull off an event like that for the rest of us to enjoy.

There were so many things to do this summer, with the Memorial Day Parade in Clintondale, T-Ball, the Sunset Serenade in the Park, Farmer's Market, Kite Day in the park back in the late spring, all of the events scheduled at the library and especially the fireworks and Plattekill Day coming up on September 19th. Each one is an opportunity to come out and enjoy our town, our community, and our neighbors.

I look forward to seeing each of you at Plattekill Day.

Sincerely,
Jenn Zupan, Councilwoman

Plattekill Day Sunday, September 19

10 AM to 5 PM

Thomas Felten Park Modena

- Car Show
- Magic Show
- Musical Acts
- Fun for the kids
- Food and more!

Pets and alcohol not allowed at park.

Free Admission and parking

Senior Picnic and Sunset Serenade ... (Continued from page 1)

ous prizes were donated by the following sponsors. Please thank them for their generous support of this event. Sponsors included: Pagentine Provisions (Joe Croce); Wingate at Ulster; Stewarts of Modena; Copeland Funeral Home; Jim Taylor Plumbing; VanDuser's Farm; P & Gs Restaurant; Active Automotive; Mohonk Mountain House; Roberts Roofing; Shoprite of New Paltz; Apple Greens Golf Course; Rose's Tavern; Heckerth Plumbing; Classic Storage; Plattekill KOA; Plaza Diner; College Diner; Charles Weston Bakeries (Mike Croce); Dederick's Pharmacy; Carmelo's Barber Shop; Barbara Dawes; Rocking Horse Ranch; Plattekill PBA; Primo's Restaurant; Bruce Loertscher; Ulster Savings Bank; Golden Fox Restaurant, and Gateway Diner.



A beautiful sunset over the Shawangunk Ridge showed itself during the Sunset Serenade on August 8th, 2010.

Bicycle Rodeo

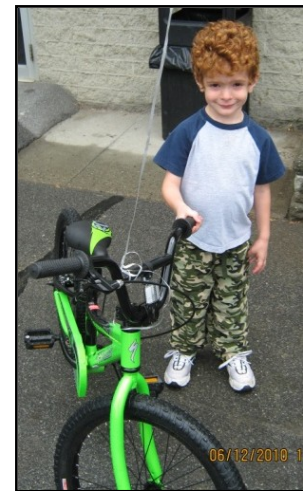
(Article and photo submitted by Det. Bob Riley)

The Annual Bike Rodeo was held on Saturday, June 12 at the Plattekill Town Hall. The weather did not cooperate, however, this did not keep the youth of our community from coming out to attend the event. All those in attendance received training on the proper use of bike helmets and riding safety.

The Plattekill PBA raffled off a girl's and boy's bicycle that were donated by Potters Towing and the Bike Shop. This year's winners were Travis Betanzos and Emilie Locus. We would like to thank the following contributors to this event: Hannafords, Key Bank of Modena, and Wal-Mart of Newburgh.



Girl's bike winner Emilie Locus



Boy's bike winner Travis Betanzos

The Passing of Lenore Dunn

Sadly, long-time resident and dedicated Plattekill Fire Department member Lenore Dunn passed away on July 26th. In a special Firematic ceremony on July 29th, department members honored her by attending in their best official attire, saluting her with a presentation of a flag and a badge to her husband William Dunn, along with a service provided by Rev. James Van Houten. She was remembered for her selfless service to the department and community.

"She was involved in all aspects of the Fire Department and was a charter member of the Plattekill First Aid Corps and Ladies Auxiliary. She was also a Commissioner for the Plattekill Fire Department," shared Annette Laskowsky, long-time friend to the Dunns.

Mrs. Lenore Dunn will be greatly missed by this community and the Town wishes to extend condolences to her family and friends.

18th Annual Plattekill Day

Plans are set for Plattekill's largest event of the year, Plattekill Day at Thomas Felten Park in Modena. The event is free and open to the public, including free parking. The event runs all day, 10 AM to 5 PM and will feature a Car Show, musical acts, a Magic Show, a trackless train, a wide variety of foods, entertainment for the kids and more! See the schedule below and plan to spend the day.

PLATTEKILL DAY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

10:00	Opening Ceremonies with welcome by Town Supervisor Loertscher National Anthem sung by Donna Putnam
10:00	Lawn Mower Pulls
10:30 - 11:15	Music & Annc. Night Light DJ
11:15 - 12:00	John Hoey's "Mystery Tour" Magic Show
12:20 - 12:40	Citizen of the Year Award Presentation
12:40 - 1:00	Pentecostal Holy Joy Church Drill Team and Praise Dancers
1:00 - 1:30	Barbara's Karate Kids demonstration
1:30 - 2:30	Johnny Jake "One-Man Band"
2:30 - 4:30	Music by "The Mustangs"
4:30 - 5:00	Car Show-Awards, presented by Hannaford Organization Raffles & Drawings

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Fall Recreation Programs

September — December 2010

Wayne Harris, Recreation Director

883-7331

The Town of Plattekill's Recreation Department (TOPREC) has planned the following programs for our community. Here is a quick glance of the offerings for the coming months. These events can also be found on the Plattekill Community Events Calendar posted in the Town Hall, and on the Town's Web site at: <http://town.plattekill.ny.us>. The web version is updated on a regular basis. If you have ideas for a recreational program, contact Wayne Harris.

Key To Locations: PES = Plattekill Elementary School; PTH = Plattekill Town Hall; FP = Felten Park, SC = Senior Center, CR = Community Room.



Sep. 16 Registration for **TOPREC Youth Soccer Clinic** (ages 4 to 9 yrs.), 4 PM to 6 PM at the Town of Plattekill Farmer's Market (TH).

Sep. 19 Registration for **Community Day at Rocking Horse Ranch** 10 AM to 2 PM at the TOPREC booth at Plattekill Day. Registration is limited to Plattekill Residents. Purchase must be for individual families. Cost is \$20 per person and includes all activities, buffet lunch. Horseback riding additional.

Sep. 25 – Oct. 23 **TOPREC Youth Soccer Clinic**. Ages 4 to 5 yrs. 9 AM - 9:50 AM; ages 6 to 7 yrs. 10 AM - 10:50 AM. Continuous registration. Parent volunteers encouraged and needed.



Oct. 3 **Community Day at Rocking Horse Ranch**, 11 AM – 4 PM. Must pre-register and prepay at \$20 per person. Open only to Plattekill residents. Includes all resort activities and a buffet lunch. Trail rides additional \$9 per person. (Register at Plattekill Day, Sep. 19th at the TOPREC booth.)

Oct. 10 **Fire Truck Pull to benefit Special Olympics** 10 AM at the Thomas Felten Community Park in Modena.

Oct. 11 **The 5th Annual Red, White, and Green Golf Outing** at Apple Greens in New Paltz. 9 holes. Register by 9 AM, Tee-off at 10 AM. \$195 per foursome. Includes continental breakfast, lunch, greens fees, cart and as always, legendary prizes and awards!



Oct. 30 **Halloween Parade** at 2 PM at Felten Park for ages 0-12 and senior citizens. Come in costume! Refreshments and prizes, Rain date 10/31 2 PM.

Nov. 8 **Registration for Adult Volleyball and Youth Basketball** (ages 7-14) 6 to 8 PM at PES.

Nov. 15 & 29 **Adult Volleyball** 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM, Mondays at PES.

Nov. 16 & 30 **TOPREC Youth Basketball**, Tuesdays at PES for ages 7 to 9 yrs. 6:00-6:50 PM; ages 10-12 yrs. 7:00-7:50 PM; ages 13-14 yrs. 8:00-8:50 PM.

Dec. 4 **Christmas Tree Lighting at Felten Park** at 6 PM. Caroling, bonfire, refreshments and if we are lucky, a visit from Santa.

Dec. 6 & 13 **Adult Volleyball** 6:30 - 8:30 PM at PES.

Dec. 7 & 14 **Youth Basketball** 6 PM – 9 PM at PES.



Do you want to ZUMBA?

A few residents have expressed interest in having a ZUMBA class in Town. Please let us know who you are. If we have sufficient interest, the Recreation Director will try to make it happen, but there must be a minimum number of participants to make it run. According to www.zumba.com, “The Zumba® program fuses hypnotic Latin rhythms and easy-to-follow moves to create a one-of-a-kind fitness program that will blow you away.” Contact the Town Hall if you’d like to join up by calling 883-7331.



Plattekill Farmer's Market Bountiful

On August 5 the Town of Plattekill's Farmer's Market opened at the Town Hall to waiting customers. A bounty of fresh-from-the-farm fruits and vegetables were offered by several vendors, along with hand-made artisan breads, spreads and fine Italian olive oil that is imported, but infused with herbs and spices locally, and



Larissa Dimitriu of Magic Baking sells fresh-baked goods including whole grain breads, giant cookies and pastries and various spreads.

then bottled. I purchased some whole grain buckwheat bread and Mediterranean spread, along with basil infused olive oil and freshly picked apples which made for a fabulous supper that night! The Farmer's Market is held each Thursday afternoon, 4 PM to 8 PM at the Plattekill Town Hall. Interested vendors should contact Wayne Harris at 845-883-7331 to participate.



John Frederick, local resident purchases freshly picked raspberries from Susan Hurd of Hurd's Family Farm. “There is nothing like home grown food,” said Frederick. Mrs. Hurd also had apples, pears, and peaches for sale that she said were picked that same day. She said that the apples are three weeks early this year due to our warm summer weather.



A small sampling of fresh food available at the Plattekill Farmer's Market.

Town of Plattekill Community Events Calendar

Fall 2010

For general questions about Town events call the Town Hall at (845) 883-7331. For additions/changes/corrections to this calendar, email Jean Poirier, Town Publicist at jeanp5@optonline.net or call (845) 883-5284. The most recent version of this calendar is available on the Town's Web site at <http://town.plattekill.ny.us>. This list was updated 08/30/2010.

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September

- Sep. 1** Eat Smart, Live Well program begins at PPL. To register call the library at 883-7286.**
- Sep. 2** Farmer's Market at Plattekill Town Hall, 4 PM to 8 PM.
- Sep. 9** Farmer's Market at Plattekill Town Hall, 4 PM to 8 PM.
- Sep. 10** History Trivia Night, sponsored by the Ulster County Historical Society. 6 PM – 8:30 PM at the Bevier House Museum, 2682 US Highway 209, Kingston, NY 12401. \$5 admission. Wine and refreshments will be available. Contact Susan Hauspurg for additional information at 845-338-5614 or email sitedirector@bevierhousemuseum.org.
- Sep. 13** Friends of the Plattekill Public Library monthly meeting at 7:30 PM, PPL.
- Sep. 15** Trip to Poconos Down at Mohegan Sun (PA). Members \$30, nonmembers \$35. See "Oh What a Night" A Tribute to Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons. Buffet and \$25 gambling included. Personal ID required for each person due to out-of-state gambling requirements. Contact Mary Tierney at 883-7854 for more information or to reserve a space.
- Sep. 16** Farmer's Market at Plattekill Town Hall, 4 PM to 8 PM.
- Sep. 16** Registration for TOPREC Youth Soccer Clinic (ages 4 to 9 yrs.), 4 PM to 6 PM at the Town of Plattekill Farmer's Market PTH.
- Sep. 16** Pirate Readaloud at 6 PM for all kids 2 years old and up. PPL**
- Sep. 19** Registration for Community Day at Rocking Horse Ranch, 10 AM to 2 PM at the TOPREC booth at Plattekill Day. Limited to Plattekill Residents. Purchase must be for individual families. \$20 pp. FP
- Sep. 19 Eighteenth Annual Plattekill Day, 10 AM to 5 PM, FP**
- Sep. 22** Cub Scout Round-up by Pack 95, 6:30 PM to 8 PM at PES. Boys in 1st through 6th grade are invited to attend and bring their parent or guardian. Learn more about scouting! For additional information contact Virginia Yambay at 566-3045.
- Sep. 23** Farmer's Market at Plattekill Town Hall, 4 PM to 8 PM.
- Sep. 25 – Oct. 23** TOPREC Youth Soccer Clinic, ages 4 to 5 yrs. 9 AM - 9:50 AM; ages 6 to 7 yrs. 10 AM – 10:50 AM. Continuous registration. Parent volunteers encouraged.
- Sep. 30** Farmer's Market at Plattekill Town Hall, 4 PM to 8 PM.
- Sep. 30** Local Business Owners Meeting, 6 PM, PPL.**

October

- Oct. 3** Community Day at Rocking Horse Ranch, 11 AM – 4 PM. Must pre-register and prepay at \$20/pp

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Open only to Plattekill residents. Includes all resort activities and a buffet lunch. Trail rides additional \$9/pp. (Register at Plattekill Day, Sep. 19th at the TOPREC booth.)

- Oct. 6** Oktober Fest at Platz Brauhaus (Pomona) sponsored by the Plattekill Golden Years. Members \$38, Nonmembers \$42. Bus leaves Town Hall at 9:15 AM. Contact Mary Tierney at 883-7854 for more information or to reserve a space.
- Oct. 8** Jumpstart Read for the Record – Special Reading of *The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats at 6 PM. PPL**
- Oct. 10** Fire Truck Pull to benefit Special Olympics. 10 AM at the Thomas Felten Community Park in Modena.
- Oct. 10** Carnival of Scouting at FP at 1pm. Come for a fun filled early afternoon of scouting activities.
- Oct. 10 to 16** Teen Read Week at PPL, “Books with a Beat”**
- Oct. 11** The 5th Annual Red, White, and Green Golf Outing at Apple Greens in New Paltz. 9 holes. Register by 9 AM, Tee-off at 10 AM. \$195 per foursome. Includes continental breakfast, lunch, greens fees, cart and as always, legendary prizes and awards!
- Oct. 18** Friends of Plattekill Public Library Annual Meeting and Officer Elections, 7 PM, PPL.
- Oct. 21** Scary Readaloud at 6 PM with a Day of the Dead presentation for all kids 2 yrs. and up.**
- Oct. 30** Halloween Parade, 2 PM, FP (rain date 10/31) for ages 0 to 12 yrs. and senior citizens. Refreshments and prizes.

November

- Nov. 1—Dec. 11** Toys of Tots Toy Drive by Classic Storage in Modena, 883-7057. See page 8.
- Nov. 2** Youth Basketball Registration, 6 PM PES
- Nov. 6** Fall German Dinner, United Methodist Church of Modena at 4 PM, 5 PM, 6PM and take-outs. Free delivery to Aloha Acres! Pot Roast, Red Cabbage, Noodles, Bread, Green Beans, Ice Cream.
- Nov. 8** Registration for Adult Volleyball and Youth Basketball (ages 7 to 14) 6 PM to 8 PM at PES.
- Nov. 8, 15, 29** Adult Volleyball, 6:30 – 8:30 PM at PES
- Nov. 9, 16, 30** (Tuesdays) Youth Basketball, 6 – 9 PM, PES, ages 7 – 15.
- Nov. 12** National Gaming Day at the Library at 3 PM for preteens and teens. PPL**
- Nov. 18** Hispanic Outreach Meeting at 6 PM, PPL.**

December

- Dec. 4** Christmas Tree Lighting – Caroling, bonfire, refreshments and visit from Santa, 6 PM, FP
- Dec. 6, 13** Adult Volleyball, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, PES
- Dec. 16** FROSTY Bilingual readaloud at 6 PM for all kids 2 yrs. and up. PPL**

** Library Programs require registration. **

For the most updated version of this calendar and for much more information about the Town of Plattekill, visit:

<http://town.plattekill.ny.us>

Community Notes

Fall German Dinner Join the United Methodist Church of Modena on Nov. 6th for a traditional Fall German Dinner of pot roast, red cabbage, noodles, bread, green beans and ice cream. There will be several seatings at 4 PM, 5 PM, 6PM, and take-outs. Free delivery to Aloha Acres!

Farmer's Market at Plattekill Town Hall, each Thursday, 4 PM to 8 PM through October.

Eat Smart, Live Well Program

This a FREE six week course run by Cornell Cooperative Extension employee Pablo Shine, whom you may remember from *Día de los Niños at the Library*, when he showed attendees how to make his delicious salsa. His six-week course will teach nutrition, healthy eating on a budget, kid-friendly meals and snacks, and cooking skills, with a demonstration and tasting at each class. The program runs for six consecutive Wednesdays, from Sep. 1 to Oct. 6 and is designed for those 18 years and older living in Ulster County. Registration is required and those who register must attend all sessions. Contact the Plattekill Public Library at 883-7286 for more information.

Explore Cub Scouts

The local Scouts will be holding two events this Fall for potential Scouts. They are:

Cub Scout Roundup – Sep. 22, 2010 at the Plattekill Elementary School Cafeteria from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM.

Carnival of Scouting at the Thomas Felten Community Park on Oct. 10 at 1:00 PM. Come for a fun filled early afternoon of scouting activities.



Toys for Tots Toy Drive

Classic Storage, conveniently located on Rt 44-55 in Modena (next to I87) is pleased to announce the 5th year participating in the “**Toys for Tots**” drive. There are so many children this year that will not receive a gift without our help...remember the true meaning of the season is “it’s better to give than to receive.” All toys go to the children of Ulster County. Those interested in donating new, unwrapped toys can stop by Classic Storage: Monday and Thursday 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM; Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Toys will be collected until December 11, 2010. If you need additional information please contact Sandra Schuyler at 883-7057. Everyone at Classic Storage wishes you a safe and happy holiday season.

Friends of Plattekill Public Library

The Friends of the Plattekill Public Library would like to extend an invitation to anyone interested in learning more about the group. Their mission is to support the library in a variety of ways, but mostly through fundraising to support ancillary programming and volunteering at Library events. They meet at the library the third Monday of each month at 7:30 PM. Their Annual Meeting and Officer Election will take place on October 18th. Please consider volunteering or becoming a member. Visit their Web site at www.mylibraryfriends.org for more information.

Plattekill Historical Society

This active group has several events planned for the fall season.

Saturday, September 11th - PHS has been asked by Ulster County Clerk's office to be the tour guides at the MATTHEWIS PERSEN HOUSE in Kingston, NY located at 74 John St. in Kingston, NY from 10 AM to 2 PM. PHS will be displaying a number of items of interest pertaining to the Town of Plattekill. We welcome all to visit and tour the house with us that day. Parking is available in the adjoining County Court building parking

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lot.

Sunday, September 19th - PHS will have photo boards and display tables set up at Plattekill Day at the Thomas Felten Park in Modena from 10 AM to 4 PM. Anyone interested in helping setup or putting in a couple of hours helping out at the booth, please let Sue Coy Doyle, Chair of this event, know at 883-9485.

Saturday, October 16th - PHS will present a Genealogy Program led by Shirley Anson. The program will have many suggestions and tips on pulling your family genealogy together. A packet of forms and brochures will be available for all attendees. Many door prizes have been promised, among which is the Family Tree Maker computer program from Ancestry.com. This three hour genealogy program will be held from 1 PM to 4 PM with light refreshments served at the mid-way break. Sign-up sheets will be available at the PHS booth on Plattekill Day, or call Shirley Anson 883-6118 to sign up. There is a limit of 30 people for the genealogy program and sign up in advance is necessary.

Sunday, November 21st - PHS will once again hold the yearly Thanksgiving dinner at The Orchard Cafe at Apple Greens Golf Course, 161 South Street, Highland. Reservations and prepayment may be made by signing up at our regular meeting or through Shirley Anson, 883-6118, and are necessary. Be sure and get your

Dog Shelter is Eagle Scout Project

The Plattekill Dog Shelter located behind the Town Highway Department received a facelift and major upgrades as part of an Eagle Scout project by Devan Plantamura. The Scout needed to complete his project by the end of July in order to complete requirements for his official Eagle Scout designation. He got the idea from being friends and neighbors with Chantel Haight, the Plattekill Dog Control Officer. "He knew our dog shelter needed some help from various past conversations, so he came and looked at it and decided to go for it," said Ms. Haight. "I was really impressed. He sought out donations and volunteers to get the job done."

Mr. Plantamura and several volunteers painted the building inside and out, replaced the downspouts, repaired the cupola, put in plantings, powerwashed the kennels and fencing, refurbished the sign and removed a scary amount of wasp nests! A local contractor volunteered to make some repairs and provide building materials and Mr. Plantamura sought donations and volunteers to help with other parts of the project. Donations were received from Adam's Fairacre Farms in Newburgh, Hannaford of Modena, W&W Warehouse donated a brand new desk and chair, Pasquale's Pizza reduced the price of a

lunchtime meal, Walmart donated an amazing amount of paint and supplies, plants, garbage bags, wasp spray, dog food, and more. Luckily an army of cheerful and cooperative volunteers helped over a two-day period.

The Town wishes to extend its congratulations to Devan Plantamura for achieving Eagle Scout status and gratitude for being the benefactor of such a great project.

Car Show in Plattekill

A major component to this year's Plattekill Day will be a Car Show. Points will be awarded to participants for paint, interior, chrome/detail, engine-hood open or no points, overall cleanliness, and undercarriage. Dash plaques will be go to the first 100 entries and trophies will be awarded in the following divisions: Antique Cars; Antique Trucks; Classic Cars 1950 – 1979; Classic Trucks 1950 – 1979; Street Stock 1980 – present; Muscle Cars/Modified; Special Interest; Lawn Mowers; Snow Mobiles; Tractors; Race Cars; Import Cars; Hometown Favorite; Best of Show; and Special Prize for Diamond in the Rough. To enter the contest, complete a Car Show Registration form at the Plattekill Town Hall. Refer questions to Micki Obermeyer at (845) 883-7331.

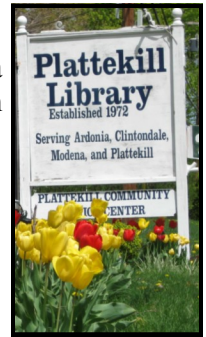
Plattekill Public Library

It is shaping up to be a busy fall at the Plattekill Public Library! The library offers a large variety of programs and collections to meet the needs of our diverse community. Each month, the following programs are offered:

Story Time with crafts at 10:30 AM on Wednesdays and Thursdays

Book Clubs: They are so popular, that there are three!

B.O.A.T. Meetings (Board of Advisory Teens): 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 6 PM.



Due to limited space and to facilitate planning, the library requires registration for library programs. Simply visit the library or call 883-7286 to register. The fall programs of the library are too numerous to list here, so they are included on the **Community Events Calendar on pages 6 and 7**. Take a look and see all that they are offering! Check out the *Eat Smart, Live Well* program, Pirate readaloud, Local Business Owners Meetings, A special reading of *The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats, author visits, Scary Readaloud, National Gaming Day, Hispanic Outreach meeting, Frosty Bilingual Readaloud, and more!

Reminiscing...

Modena School Reunion

On the same day as the Senior Picnic, a group of alumni of the Modena School gathered at the park Gazebo for a reunion and picnic of their own. Most of them graduated from the school between 1947 though 1951. At that time, the Modena school housed grades 1st through 6th. It was a fun opportunity to catch up and reminisce of days gone by. I had the pleasure of meeting several of them, including Conrad Demsky, formerly of Modena but who now resides in Michigan. He shared several interesting photos with me, along with spontaneously providing a Plattekill history lesson! His father was Herman J. Demsky who was an employee of the Plattekill Highway Department and later the Highway Superintendent. (See photo below)



Modena School Reunion on August 8, 2010 at the Thomas Felten Community Park Gazebo in Modena. Pictured L to R: George Meyer, Conrad Demsky, Carole Sutton, Eileen Coy-DuFour, Pat Molson-Doherty, Johnny Sutton, Doris Meyer (seated).



Photo of Conrad Demsky as a young child, with his sister and his father Herman Demsky who was an employee of the Town Highway Department. Year unknown. Photo of a photo shared by Conrad Demsky.



Classroom photo at the Modena School, sometime between 1947 – 1951.

More Reminiscing...

Did you know that about 50 years ago, telephone exchanges (the three digits after the area code) had code names that corresponded to the dial-up phone? They were intended to help one remember telephone numbers. This came up the other day when I was speaking with Wayne Harris, our Recreation Director. When he left me a voice message earlier in the day and stated his call back number, as “Turner 3 – XXXX.” He then corrected himself and told me his full number. Chalk it up to an old habit dying hard, but also an interesting fact to some of us who never heard of such a thing. Now kids, stop laughing! Really, we used to have phones that had big dials on them. And yes, they hung from the wall and you had to be connected by a wire. No, you would not walk room from room, or talk in your car. For those of you who like little trivia tidbits, here are some of the old code names for the surrounding areas provided by Wayne: Turner 3 = T, U, 3 – which, if dialed was 883, and back then was only Clintondale.

Alpine = ALP = 257 then became 255 and this was New Paltz.

John = JO = 564 which was for Newburgh

Federal = FO, which was for Kingston.

This jogged my memory to recall my Aunt saying her phone number as MO7 – 1449, which back then was Mount Vernon. Ahhh, the brain isn’t dead yet!



Students in front of the Modena School, sometime between 1947 and 1951. This was taken on the front lawn of what is now the Plattekill Public Library. Photo of a photo shared by Conrad Demsky.

OUR TOWN HISTORIAN WANTS TO KNOW...



Do you know who these people are in this photo? If you have any information please call Micki Obermeyer, Town Historian at 883-7331. This photo is believed to have been taken some where in Clintondale.



Katherine VanVliet, Teacher at the Modena School in the 1940s – 60s. Photo of a photo shared by Conrad Demsky.

Town of Plattekill

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Jon Crone
Mark Jaffee
Jennifer Zupan

Barbara E. Dawes, Town Clerk & Vital Registrar

April Colombo, Deputy Town Clerk

Robert Wager, Highway Superintendent
883-5910

Mike Dunham, Town Assessor

James Brugger
Joseph Locicero
Building Inspectors

Annamaria Maciocia, Town Justice

John G. Sisti, Town Justice

Joseph Ryan, Police Chief
883-6373 (non emergency)

Wayne Harris, Recreation Director

Muriel Obermeyer, Town Historian

Chantel Haight
Dog Control Officer
883-6557 (non emergency)
691-8473 (State Police - emergencies only)

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Senior News

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Are you looking forward to 2011 Town of Plattekill Seniors? You should be!

The Plattekill Seniors and The Golden Years are merging into one club. Isn't that good news? We will also have a new name (soon to be announced.) You are invited, Plattekill Residents (55 and up), male or female, to join us in the coming year 2011.

When you join you will receive a copy of the by-laws, schedule of meetings, speakers, social times and bus trips for that year. Our dues are only \$8.00 per year. Where else can you get free coffee, birthday cake and ice cream once a month for that price, AND have a social time?

Oh, and don't forget we have BINGO every Tuesday starting at 1 PM at the same time. Cards are only \$.50 each, the pot is \$1.00. There is much laughter and again, free coffee and cookies.

Don't be shy! It might be something you've been thinking about but have hesitated. The meetings presently are held in the Community Center (room below the Plattekill Library). You will be among your friends, neighbors and perhaps meet new people. And when we grow we have plans for a larger space.

Again, we invite you to be our guest and then a member, look forward to seeing your new faces in our/your club.

We will post the dates of the meetings on the Town Board before January 1, 2011. Thanks.

Senior Trips

Trip to Poconos Down at Mohegan Sun (PA). Sept. 15th sponsored by Plattekill Golden Years. Members \$30, nonmembers \$35. See "Oh What a Night" A Tribute to Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons. Buffet and \$25 gambling included. Personal ID required for each person due to out-of-state gambling requirements. Contact Mary Tierney at 883-7854 for more information or to reserve a space.

Oktober Fest at Platz Brauhaus (Pomona) Oct. 6th sponsored by the Plattekill Golden Years. Members \$38, Nonmembers \$42. Bus leaves Town Hall at 9:15 AM. Contact Mary Tierney at 883-7854 for more information or to reserve a space.

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