

# Plattekill Times

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FALL 2006

## Message from the Supervisor

It is hard to believe the summer is over and we are beginning the fall season. It has been a busy and productive summer though, and I would like to share some highlights here:

- Our Recreation department held numerous events and participation in all of them was high. They included the Town Summer Camp, T-Ball, a Golf Academy, a Golf Tournament, Youth Tennis, a Lacrosse Throw Around and most recently, a Sunset Serenade concert in the park featuring the Riverbank Banjo Band.
- Promised computer equipment was updated and installed in the Plattekill Police Department and in the near future, the Department will lease two new police cruisers. The Town Board is also in the process of hiring up to three part-time police officers. A court officer will also be hired on a part-time basis.
- The Plattekill Public Library provided a large number of vibrant and busy summer programs that enriched our community in a variety of ways. Attendance of most programs was at capacity or beyond and the library continues to see an increase in use.
- Our Town's web site has received a facelift and now includes some new features and an email subscription service so you can receive future town newsletters by email. We hope you visit the site at <http://town.plattekill.ny.us>. Improvement to the site will be on-going.

Looking ahead, we have a lot of work to be done and much to look forward to, such as the final approval and beginning construction of a Hannaford grocery store in Modena, which hopes to break ground sometime this fall.

I hope to see you at Plattekill Day on September 17<sup>th</sup>.

Early holiday wishes,  
Bruce Loertscher, Town Supervisor

## Plattekill Day 2006 – Bigger and Better Than Ever!

Our town's largest event of the year is gearing up to be the biggest and best ever. It will be held on September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 10 AM to 5 PM at the Thomas Felten Community Park in Modena. This is a great day to spend with your family and friends and will celebrate all the area has to offer. Fun for all ages will be had due to the many types of activities planned for the day. This year it will feature a few new events, such as a Plattekill Idol contest and a Barbershop Quartet. These will be part of a full-day stage schedule which will feature magicians, musical acts, open mic karaoke, etc. (see schedule below). The day will be opened by Kelly Quicksell (former Miss Ulster County) singing the national anthem. A car show will take place with judging and prizes. A pie-eating contest, haunted house, crafts by the Friends of the Plattekill Library, a guest appearance by McGruff the Dog, an inflatable slide, jumping house, obstacle course and free hay rides and much more will be great fun for the kids. The annual tractor pull will take place across the street from the

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### **Plattekill Day 2006 con't from front page**

park starting in the morning and will run throughout the day. There will be many food vendors, craft vendors, and various booths sponsored by community organizations, so mark your calendar now! Please remember no alcohol or pets are allowed in the park.

#### **Plattekill Day Schedule September 17, 2006**

10:00 – 10:30 Opening Ceremony, Welcome by Town Supervisor Bruce Loertscher, National Anthem by Kelly Quicksell, Citizen of the Year Award presentation, music and announcements by DJ Willie Castillo.  
 10:30 – 11:30 Open Mic Karaoke  
 11:30 – 1:00 Plattekill Idol Contest  
 1:00 – 1:45 The Society of Young Magicians  
 2:00 – 2:45 Barbershop Quartet "Swing Shift"  
 2:45 – 3:30 Evergreen Singers  
 3:30 – 4:30 Entertainer "Johnny Jake"  
 4:30 Presentation of Car Show Awards, Closing – Raffle Drawings, Ceremonies  
 5:00 "Proud to be an American" Sung by Kelly Quicksell

#### **A Brief History of Plattekill Day**

This annual event used to be held in the Town Hall parking lot, but in the year 2000 it was moved to the Thomas Felten Community Park. That was the first year the park was available for use. In 2000, the Town of Plattekill celebrated its 200<sup>th</sup> birthday. Muriel (Micki) Obermeyer became involved in Plattekill Day that year because of her position as Town Historian. She helped plan events throughout that year and she wrote a "Good Neighbor Policy" which was signed by the Town Board members, was made into a scroll, and the town invited neighboring towns to a signing ceremony. The event was followed by a reception in which many attended in full costume. Please see the Good Neighbor Policy on this page, and let it hold true today!

#### **Election of Trustees For the Plattekill Public Library**

The Plattekill Public Library has two positions on the Board of Trustees open as of October 1, 2006. The election of trustees is September 18, 2006 between the hours of 12 noon and 9 PM at the Library, 2047 Rt. 32, Modena, NY 12548. The district is the portion of the Town of Plattekill not in the Marlboro or Highland School Districts. If you have any questions, contact John Georghiu, Library Director at 883-7286.

### **Star Program Available to All Property Owners contributed by Mike Dunham**

The Assessors Office would like to remind all property owners that they may be eligible for a reduction in school taxes on their Primary Residence. This STAR Exemption is available to all property owners regardless of age or income. If a property owner has not applied for the exemption, they may obtain an application from the Assessors Office. This application must be returned to the Assessors Office on or before March 1, 2007. An additional school tax savings is available to property owners who will be 65 years of age before December 31, 2007, subject to income limitations. If you are currently receiving the Basic Star Exemption and will be 65 before December 31, 2007, you should contact the Assessors Office at 845-883-7331. If you have any questions about the STAR Exemptions or any other exemptions, please contact the Assessor's office.

#### ***Town of Plattekill Good Neighbor Policy***

*Hear Ye, Hear Ye  
 Hence forth, let it be known to  
 all ye citizens of Plattekill  
 On March 26<sup>th</sup>, in the year of  
 our Lord 2000,  
 a proclamation of good will  
 is signed by our Town Fathers,  
 proclaiming a good neighbor  
 policy  
 with the townships of  
 Marlboro, Gardiner, Shawan-  
 gunk, Newburgh,  
 Lloyd and New Paltz.  
 Henceforth let our doors be  
 open and friendly,  
 our policies be just and true,  
 and we shall all benefit from  
 these considerations.*

*Published in the year 2000*

### Good Safety News for Our Community

The new Plattekill Fire Department sub-station will be ready sometime in September 2006 and plans are in the works for a "Wet Down" Grand Opening Celebration. The new substation is located on Forest Road and has already brought new volunteers to the department, states Rob Betanzos, president of the Plattekill Fire and Rescue. The new substation will also mark the arrival of 47-40, a new pumper. The new pumper will carry compressed air foam, which increases water volume. The foam smothers fire and stays in place better than water. This means car fires will be able to be extinguished faster and more effectively, lessening the danger of explosion. Because air, foam, and water are combined in the truck, the hoses will be lighter with less resistance, and the truck will be operational for a longer period of time. In addition, the new truck will have better extrication equipment that will allow our firefighters to save lives faster and more effectively. Yours may be the next life they save.

Soon, there will also be a new ambulance on the way for the Plattekill Fire Rescue. Bids are being accepted at this time. This will be the second ambulance for the district - and not too soon. Already this year, as of September 1st, the Plattekill Fire Rescue has received and responded to over 500 calls. In addition to helping when more than one call comes in at the same time, having a second ambulance will reduce the need to call for assistance from Mobil Life Support. Patients are billed for the use of Mobil Life Support, but are not billed for ambulance services. This creates a win/win situation for our volunteers and citizens.

In our Town of Plattekill Police Department, additions are being made to increase patrols by hiring up to three part-time police officers and leasing two new police cruisers. A court officer will also be hired on a part-time basis. These additions will serve the community well by increasing the efficiency, effectiveness, and coverage of our Town Police and improving their ability to keep our community safe.

### A Report on Summer Recreation contributed by Wayne Harris

The first annual Red, White and Blue golf tournament was held by the Town of Plattekill Recreation Department (TOPREC) at the Garden Cathay Golf Course on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. The response of 7 foursomes nearly filled the course for the nine hole outing and lunch. The first place team award went to John, Tom, and Mike Zupan, and Dave Rodriguez. John Zupan won the longest drive contest while Brian Adach was closest to the pin. All contestants had a great time and encourage residents to try out the new improved links on Plattekill - Ardonia Road. We look forward to the second annual event next year.

A golf school was held for young Plattekill residents

### Sunset Serenade Enjoyed by Many

On August 13, the Riverbank Banjo Band performed at the Thomas Felten Community Park in Modena to a crowd of about 200 people, seniors and youngsters alike. The beautiful and cool summer weather along with the sunset over the Shawangunk Ridge provided a wonderful backdrop for the upbeat banjo band. The event was provided for free and sponsored by the Town of Plattekill Recreation Department. Refreshments were made available by the Boy Scouts and Southern Ulster Rotary. The band plays a variety of music, including Dixieland, Bluegrass, Polkas, and more, so the music appeals to many. The band consists of all volunteers and all proceeds are donated to disadvantaged children and families. The band raises about \$5000 a year for charity and as of this event, has raised over \$200,000 in total since its inception.



Riverbank Banjo Band

Photo by J. Poirier

at the Garden Cathay with lessons conducted by golf pro John Magaletta. Fourteen youths, ages 10-17 attended lessons on Wednesday mornings throughout July. TOPREC is sponsoring a similar clinic for adults in September. Call Wayne Harris at 883-6022 for details.

Nearly 100 Plattekill children ages 8-14 enjoyed a fun-filled Summer Camp program this year under the supervision of Director Sandi Rainieri and her staff. Each Monday the group met at the Plattekill Elementary School where they participated in games, sports, crafts, movies, and assorted hobbies. This year, tennis lessons were a special addition on Mondays, sponsored by a grant from the United States Tennis Association through the Ulster County Youth Bureau. The traveling tennis pro, Jeff Katt, visited sites throughout the county on a regular sched-

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## COMMUNITY NOTES

**Congratulations to the Plattekill Fire Department which received "best overall" in the Ulster County Volunteer Fire Department's parade in Woodstock on July 29, 2006.**

**Clintondale Fire Auxiliary** is seeking new members. Meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at Clintondale Fire house at 7:30 PM. For more information contact Ron Wager at 883-7344.

### **Plattekill Historical Society News**

**A Holiday Gift Idea** - Once again, collectible wooden toys made and donated by Bill Michalsky will be raffled off at the annual Deep Fried Turkey Dinner sponsored by the Plattekill Historical Society on November 19 at 2 PM at the Orchard Café, Apple Greens in New Paltz. Raffle tickets will be sold at Plattekill Day and the drawing will be held at the dinner on Nov. 19.

**Signature Patchwork Quilt** - The Plattekill Historical Society is producing a beautiful handmade Signature Patchwork Quilt to memorialize as many families in the Town as possible. A similar quilt was made more than 100 years ago to immortalize the memory of those who signed a square. One square is \$10.00, or two for \$15.00. Church and civic groups can be included for free.

**PHS at Plattekill Day** – Visit the Plattekill Historical Society booth at Plattekill Day and view the Plattekill quilt from the 1800s, purchase a square for the newer quilt, view collectible wooden toys, and become a part of Plattekill history! View other historical photos and items. Volunteers for Plattekill Day are still being sought. Contact Shirley Anson at 883-6118 or Valerie Smith at 883-5848 for further information on any of these items.

**Engraved Bricks Program** – Support the Thomas Felten Community Park with a donation that will last a lifetime. Kyle Wellmon, Life Scout with Troup 79 in Plattekill is making custom engraved bricks available to individuals, organizations or companies wishing to make a lasting contribution to the park for his Eagle Scout Project. The bricks will be used to create a beautiful entrance pathway to the park. Each brick costs \$30.00 and has three lines holding fifteen characters on each including space and punctuation. Make checks payable to: Troop 79. All proceeds from the commemorative brick program go to the park fund. For information, call 564-7936.

### **Free Crafts for Kids at Plattekill Day**

The Friends of the Plattekill Public Library group is being revitalized by 19 volunteers! They will be present at Plattekill day and will sponsor free craft projects for children. The Friends have partnered with the Hudson Valley Materials Exchange (HVME) "Reuse-A-Bus" to assist with this fun activity. The bus will be open to shoppers wishing to purchase completed and inexpensive crafts that would make great holiday gifts. HVME will share 50% of the proceeds with the Friends group that will support on-going library activities and programs. The Friends will also be raffling off a 13 inch color TV, many fun prizes, conducting a 50/50 raffle, and holding a bake sale. All proceeds will directly benefit our library so please stop by the Library Crafts booth. Volunteers for staffing the table and donations of baked items for the bake sale will gladly be accepted. Contact Carol VanDuser at 564-9741 for more information.

The Friends of the Plattekill Public Library is a volunteer organization with the mission to advocate for the library on a variety of levels. One of its most important jobs is to conduct fundraising activities. The Plattekill Public Library is a Special District Library, supported by government funds. Certain related expenses that enhance programs and activities cannot be paid for by government funds. The Friends help fill this gap. Unfortunately, the Plattekill Library is experiencing some major funding cuts for 2007, and is requesting a minor budget increase to cover these losses. If the budget is not approved, the library will have to reduce staff, hours, programming, and book purchases. The library is only seeking funds to cover the immediate losses. The Friends of the Plattekill Public Library ask that you support the library by voting YES at the budget vote which is scheduled for Sep. 18, 12 noon – 9 PM at the Library. Registered voters within the Plattekill Public Library District that is the part of the portion of the Town of Plattekill not in the Marlboro or Highland School districts are eligible to vote.

## Town of Plattekill Community Events Calendar Fall 2006

### September

- Sep 11 – Hunterdon Hills Playhouse, Plattekill Golden Years Seniors CHANGED See Sep 14
- Sep 14 – Hunterdon Hills Playhouse, "Broadway Sally," Plattekill Golden Years Seniors, Bus leaves Town Hall at 9 AM sharp. Members \$45. Nonmembers \$47. Contact Mary Tierney 883-7854.
- Sep 14 – Boat Trip, Kingston, Plattekill Senior Citizen Group, \$12, boat leaves at 2:30 PM, returns 4:30 PM. Contact Sharon Beadle at 895-3135.
- Sep 16 – Huge Indoor/Outdoor Yard Sale, 9 AM – 3 PM, Our Lady of Fatima Church, Rt. 32, Plattekill. Table rental \$15/indoors, \$10/outdoors. Contact Steve or Alison Dabroski at 566 – 9526 or the rectory at 564-4972 for more information.
- Sep 16 – Spaghetti Dinner, 5 PM – 8 PM, Cub Scouts of Plattekill, Pack 95 fundraiser at Plattekill Firehouse. \$5 adult, \$4 seniors and children 6 to 12 years. Family rate of \$20 for groups of five. Take out available. Contact Jim Burriss at 566-9709 for information.
- Sep 17 - Plattekill Day – Thomas Felten Community Park in Modena 10:00 AM – 5 PM (see full schedule on page 2)**
- Sep 18 – Plattekill Public Library Budget Vote and Trustee Election, 12 noon to 9 PM, Plattekill Library.
- Sep 18 – 23 – Talk Like A Pirate Week, Plattekill Library 883-7286
- Sep 18 – Treasure Hunt, 5 PM, Plattekill Library 883-7286
- Sep 19 – Make Your Own Pirate Costume, 6:30 PM (bring in old clothes to make your costume). Plattekill Library 883-7286
- Sep 20 – Pirate Lessons, 6:30 PM, Learn to parlay (talk) and sing like a pirate; create your own pirate name. Plattekill Library 883-7286
- Sep 21 – Scary Pirate Readaloud for all kids (wear your pirate costume) and Costume Judging, 6:30 PM, Plattekill Library, 883-7286
- Sep 22 – Sword Crafts, 5 PM, Plattekill Library 883-7286
- Sep 23 – A Pirate "Play" and Pirate Snacks, 1 PM, Wear your costumes and bring your swords, Plattekill Library, 883-7286
- Sep 24 – Community Day at Rocking Horse Ranch, 11 – 4 PM, BBQ lunch, activities, \$12.00/pp, Horseback riding additional \$7.00/pp. Limited to 100. Call Wayne Harris to register at 883-6022.
- Sep 28 – "SpongeBob Square Pants Movie," 6 PM, Plattekill Library 883-7286
- Sep 30 – Autumn Penny Social - Clintondale Fire Dept Auxiliary, Doors open at 5:30 PM, calling is at 7 PM. Contact Ron Wager at 883-7344 for more information.

### October

- Oct 7 – Plattekill Fire Department Auxiliary Roast Pork Dinner, 4 PM at the Plattekill Fire House. Contact Dolly at 883-5358 or Susan at 564-7376 for more information.
- Oct 7 – Free Babysitting Course, 10:30 AM – 2:30 PM, registration req'd. For kids in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and up.; bring a bag lunch. Limited to 25. Plattekill Library 883-7286
- Oct 8 – Pancake Breakfast - Clintondale Fire Dept. Auxiliary, 7:30 AM – 11:30 AM at Clintondale Firehouse, \$5 adults, \$4.25 seniors, \$3.50 for children 4 to 12 years.
- Oct 9 – Golf Outing "Red, White, and On-the-Green" 10 AM, Garden Cathay Golf Course, Plattekill. \$40/pp. Greens fees, lunch, and prizes included. Co-sponsored by Southern Ulster Rotary and TOPREC. Call Wayne Harris at 883-6022 to register.
- Oct 16 – Ace in The Hole Productions "Bavarian Fest," Plattekill Golden Years Seniors, Bus leaves Town Hall at 10:15 AM. Contact Mary Tierney 883-7854.
- Oct 16 – 20 – Teen Read Week "Get Active @ Your Library", Plattekill Library 883-7286
- Oct 19 – "Scooby Doo and the Ghoul School" Movie, 6 PM, Plattekill Library 883-7286
- Oct 21 – Plattekill Historical Society Meeting, 2 PM, Clintondale Fire House. Guest speaker Micki Obermeyer, Town Historian.
- Oct 21 & 22 Art Show of 3 local artists at the Plattekill Public Library, 1 PM - 5 PM both days. Artists: Dave Wilson, Lisa Bittner, and Wilkins Rodriguez. Open to other artists, contact Dave Wilson at ipaintemotions@yahoo.com

**PULL OUT AND POST ON YOUR REFRIGERATOR!**

- Oct 24 – “Not So Scary Story Night” Readaloud for 2yrs. and up, 6:30 PM, Come in costume! Plattekill Library 883-7286.
- Oct 24 – Senior Care-A-Van, Our Lady of Fatima Church, Plattekill, 10 AM – 2 PM
- Oct 25 – Apple Picking, Gardiner, Plattekill Senior Citizen Group, 11 AM, contact Sharon Beadle at 895-3135 for more info.
- Oct 26 – “Scary Story Night” Readaloud, 6:30 PM, ages 8 and up. Come in costume, Plattekill Library, 883-7286.
- Oct 28 – Great Pumpkin of Plattekill Contest and Halloween Parade, Weigh-in 10 AM, Thomas Felton Community Park
- Oct 28 – Children’s Halloween Party, 6 PM, Clintondale Firehouse, Parent/guardian must attend with child. Come in costume! Apple bobbing, donuts, lots of Halloween fun!

### November

- Nov 4 – Autumn Penny Social - Clintondale Fire Dept. Auxiliary, Doors open at 5:30 PM, calling is at 7 PM. Contact Ron Wager at 883-7344 for more information
- Nov 7 – Basketball “Skills and Drills,” K-8, begins Tuesdays 6 – 9 PM and runs through Mar 3 at Plattekill Elementary School. Contact Wayne Harris for more information at 883-6022.
- Nov 11 – Plattekill Fire Department Holiday Penny Social, doors open at 6 PM, calling starts at 7 PM. Contact Dolly at 883-5358 or Susan at 564-7376 for more information.
- Nov 12 - Pancake Breakfast - Clintondale Fire Dept. Auxiliary, 7:30 AM – 11:30 AM at Clintondale Firehouse, \$5 adults, \$4.25 seniors, \$3.50 for children 4 to 12 years.
- Nov 14 – Auqua Turk – Nifty 50’s Plantsville, CT - Plattekill Senior Citizen Group, contact Sharon Beadle for more info at 895-3135.
- Nov 16 – “Family” Readaloud, 6:30 PM, Bring your favorite story. Plattekill Library, 883-7286.
- Nov 19 – Annual Deep Fried Turkey Dinner - Plattekill Historical Society at the Orchard Café, Apple Greens in New Paltz, 2 PM. Limited seats available. Will include annual collectible wooden toy raffle. (View toys at Plattekill Day and buy a chance!). Contact Shirley Anson at 883-6118 for further information.
- Nov 30 – “Shrek” and “Shrek 2” Double Feature Movie, 4 PM (note different time) Plattekill Library, 883-7286.

### December

- Dec 2 – Christmas Tree Lighting and Caroling, 6 PM at Thomas Felten Community Park, Modena.
- Dec 2 – Holiday Penny Social - Clintondale Fire Dept. Auxiliary. Doors open at 5:30 PM, calling is at 7 PM. Contact Ron Wager at 883-7344 for more information.
- Dec 10 - Pancake Breakfast - Clintondale Fire Dept. Auxiliary, 7:30 – 11:30 AM at Clintondale Firehouse, \$5 adults, \$4.25 seniors, \$3.50 for children 4 to 12 years. Contact Ron Wager at 883-7344 for more information.
- Dec 10 – Kids Holiday Party, 1 PM – 3 PM. Clintondale Fire Dept. Auxiliary– Come and meet Santa! Contact Ron Wager at 883-7344 for more information.
- Dec 21 – A reading of “Twas the Night Before Christmas” by Clement Clark Moore along with a cookie exchange. 6:30 PM, Plattekill Library 883-7286.
- Dec 28 – “Muppet Christmas Carol” Movie, 6 PM, Plattekill Library

For additions/changes/corrections to this calendar, email Jean Poirier at jeanp5@optonline.net or call (845) 883-5284. **This list is current as of 09/04/06.**

**VISIT THE TOWN OF PLATTEKILL WEB SITE AT**  
**<http://town.plattekill.ny.us>**

Additional events may be listed on the web site that are not yet printed on this list!  
 Submit your community event today!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

## Adopt a Dog and Gain a Friend

Are you seeking to adopt a dog? If so, please consider visiting the Plattekill Dog Control Kennel which is located behind the Plattekill Town Hall OR visit it on the web to see available dogs for adoption! All you have to do is visit Petfinder.com, input the zip code for Modena, which is 12548, and you will be able to view dogs that are available in our town. This is a new way to help our orphaned friends in Plattekill find a loving home. To visit the kennel, please contact the Dog Control Officer, John Laskowsky at 845-883-5823 to set up a time for a visit. Congratulations to John for getting the Town of Plattekill Dog Control on Petfinder.com!

## Plattekill Head Start News

contributed by Mary Brady

The summer is almost over and school is ready to begin. I hope you all had a great summer and were able to withstand the heat. Here are a few tips to help your preschoolers, many who are going to school for the first time, to get the most out of their experience:

- Eat a balanced diet
- Get plenty of rest
- Get outdoor exercise to develop large muscles
- Scribble, color, paint, cut with scissors to develop small muscles
- Encourage working well alone and doing things independently
- Provide opportunities to be with other children and encourage mutual cooperation
- Read to your child every day
- Give him/her access to reading materials
- Encourage learning shapes and colors, sorting and classifying things

Remember you are your child's FIRST TEACHER and that joy and responsibility doesn't stop because he/she is now "in school." You will be teaching and guiding him/her for many years to come and the attitudes and impressions you instill in your child now will be carried as a precious gift into adulthood.

For those accepted into Plattekill Head Start for 2006 – 2007 School Year, school will begin with staggered entrance on September 11. We will be conducting Parent Orientation, as well as various required developmental and physical screenings, during the week of Sept. 4. Parents of children enrolled will be contacted by staff and advised of the exact dates. We can't wait to see how our returning students have grown and to get to know our new students and their families!

Anyone who has a child who is 3 years old by December 1, 2006 is welcome to apply to our program. You can call us at 564-3262 and we will be happy to assist you with your application.

## Fall Recreation Upcoming Events

**Plattekill Day – September 17, 2006** – see event schedule on page 2.

### **Golf Outing – “Red, White and On-the-Green”**

Three holes from red tees, three holes from the white tees and three holes on the green (closest to the pin). \$40/pp. Columbus Day, October 9<sup>th</sup> 10 AM at the Garden Cathay Golf Course, Plattekill. Greens fees, lunch, and prizes included. Co-sponsored by Southern Ulster Rotary and TOPREC. Call Wayne Harris at 883-6022 to register.

### **Community Day at Rocking Horse Ranch**

The Town of Plattekill Recreation Department is pleased to announce a Community Day at Rocking Horse Ranch on September 24, 2006 11 AM to 4 PM, located in Clintondale, NY. For only \$12.00 per person, a barbeque lunch and all activities are included, with the exception of horseback riding. Cowboys and cowgirls wishing to ride a horse will have to pay an additional modest fee of \$7.00/per person. The event is limited to the first 100 registrants so register soon. Contact Recreation Director Wayne Harris at 883-6022. If you miss this one, another Community Day at Rocking Horse Ranch is being planned for this winter in early 2007, so stay posted for more information.

### **Great Pumpkin Weigh-In and Halloween Parade**

Get your pumpkins ready for the Great Pumpkin Weigh-in, on October 28<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM at the Thomas Felten Community Park. Registration forms are available now at the Town Hall or on Plattekill Day on September 17. Sign up at the TOPREC table or the Grange table.

### **Basketball “Skills and Drills”**

November 7 – March 20. This event is for kids Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade and will take place on Tuesdays, 6 – 9 PM at Plattekill Elementary School.

Anyone with ideas for new recreation programs should contact Wayne Harris at 883-6022 with their suggestions.

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ule. Tuesdays and Thursdays the program was held at the Plattekill KOA. This was an ideal setting for summer swimming and relaxing. Wednesdays included field trips to a movie theater, bowling alley, Splash Down Park in Fishkill, and Quassy Amusement Park, and a roller rink. The program was well run and a big hit with parents and youth. The program was enlarged this year due to popular demand.

## Plattekill Public Library — Fall Programs

Once again, our library is offering a vibrant schedule of programs for our community this fall. The library's dated events are integrated into the town's Community Events Calendar for 2006. Please view the calendar on pages 5 & 6. Some of their programs are highlighted below and require registration. Please contact the library if you need more information. Their contact information is 2047 State Route 32, Modena, NY 12548 (845) 883-7286. Visit the library's website at <http://plattekill.lib.ny.us>.

**September** - Week of 18-23: "TALK like a PIRATE WEEK" – Programs as well as contests (e.g. Guess how many "Pirate Doubloons" are in the Pirate's Chest) and other fun activities all week. Please register. Pirate costumes will be made this week so bring in old clothes to make a costume, then wear your costume when attending pirate events! Costume judging will take place on Sep. 21 at 6:30 PM

**October** – This month a free babysitting course will be offered on October 7, from 10:30-2:30. Registration is required. The course is designed for kids in 5<sup>th</sup> Grade and up; bring a bag lunch. Limited to 25 kids. The week of Oct 16-20<sup>th</sup> is Teen Read Week "GET ACTIVE @ YOUR LIBRARY." The week will feature special programs like T-shirt painting, gaming days, as well as some cool prizes, like American Idol gear. The program is designed for tweens and teens (10 years old and up)!

**November** – This month will feature a family program on Nov. 16 at 6:30 PM. "Family" Readaloud – Bring your favorite story and if your name gets picked, you'll get to read for 5 minutes.

**December** – This month will feature some holiday themes, with a Dec. 21 (6:30 PM) reading of "Twas the Night Before Christmas" by Clement Clark Moore along with a Cookie Exchange. A holiday movie will also be featured.

**Please note, all programs are for kids 2 and up unless otherwise posted.**

### Library Movies at a Glance

Sep 28 at 6 PM:– "SpongeBob SquarePants Movie"

Oct 19 at 6 PM – "Scooby-Doo and the Ghoul School"

Nov 30 at 4PM - "Shrek" and "Shrek 2" Double Feature Movie – note time difference.

Dec 28 at 6 PM – "Muppet Christmas Carol"

## Have You Heard of the Freecycle Network?

The Freecycle Network is a nonprofit organization and a movement of people interested in keeping good stuff out of landfills. It was started in May 2003 to promote waste reduction in Tucson's downtown and help save desert landscape from being taken over by landfills. The Network provides individuals and non-profits an electronic forum to "recycle" unwanted items. One person's trash can truly be another's treasure! It has grown to include individual groups across the globe and we have one right here in Ulster County. The Freecycle™ UlsterCountyNY group is open to all who want to "recycle" that special something rather than throw it away. Whether it's a chair, a fax machine, piano or an old door, feel free to post it. Or, maybe you're looking to acquire something yourself. Simply respond to a member's offer, and you just might get it. After that, it's up to the giver to decide who receives the gift and to set up a pickup time for passing on the treasure. Nonprofit groups are also welcome to participate! One main rule: everything posted must be free. Check out [freecycle.org](http://freecycle.org) for other cities and info on the movement! You can also e-mail [FreecycleUlsterCountyNY-owner@yahoogroups.com](mailto:FreecycleUlsterCountyNY-owner@yahoogroups.com) for questions or improvement ideas! **Everything posted must be free, legal, and appropriate for all ages.**

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## Hunting Season Information

As of August 14, hunting licenses became available at the Town Hall. The new licenses are for the 2006 to 2007 Hunting Season. Deer Management Permits (Doe Permits) are available until October 1st. Find more specific hunting information at the Plattekill Town Hall or visit the New York State web site: <http://www.dec.state.ny.us/>.

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## SENIOR CORNER

*For the convenience of our seniors, this section is printed in a larger font size.*

There are two groups for seniors in the Town of Plattekill that meet regularly and they are open to any seniors in the area. Trips and events sponsored by each group are listed on the Plattekill Community Events Calendar in this newsletter and the town's web site. Their information is as follows:

**Plattekill Senior Club** – Meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 1:30 PM at the Community Center (below the Library). Tuesday at 1 PM is Bingo. For trip information contact Sharon Beadle at 895-3135. For general information contact Mabel Gordon at 883-9710.

**Plattekill Golden Years Seniors** – Meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 1:30 PM at the Community Center (below the Library). For trip and other information contact Mary Tierney 883-7854.

### The Senior Care-A-Van is Heading Our Way!

The Ulster County Office of the Aging provides a Care-A-Van which offers free health screening services to all Ulster County seniors age 60+. Its purpose is to promote good health, prevent health related problems through education and early detection, inform seniors and connect them with available community resources. The services do not replace regular visits to your doctor, rather they should be made in between regular doctor visits to check on your current health status. Services offered include: Blood Glucose (Diabetes), Health Inventory (hgt., wgt., history), Hemoglobin (Blood test to measure iron/hemoglobin), Hypertension (High Blood Pressure), Stool Guaiac Kits (checks for blood in stool specimens), Urine Screening and Vision testing.

The Care-A-Van will be in Plattekill and the nearby towns as follows:

**9/19/06** – Robin's Warehouse, Rt. 32, New Paltz 10 AM to 2 PM

**9/27/06** – Walkkill Ambulance Bldg, First Street, Walkkill, 10:30 AM – 2:30 PM

**10/05/06** – Town of New Paltz Town Hall, Rt. 32, New Paltz, 10 AM – 1:30 PM

**10/24/06** – Our Lady of Fatima Church, Rt. 32, Plattekill, 10 AM – 2 PM

**11/8/06** – VFW Hall, Rt. 208, New Paltz, 11 AM – 3 PM

**11/9/06** – Marlboro First Presbyterian Church, DuBois St., Marlboro, 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.

**Grandparents Raising Grandchildren** is an on-going support group that meets the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at Everett Hodge Community Center in Kingston. This is a program sponsored by the Ulster County Office for the Aging.

### Report from the Plattekill Senior Club

contributed by Evelyn Owen

The Plattekill Senior Citizen Club recently returned from a trip to Lake Hopatcong, New Jersey where they were entertained and had a luncheon buffet and a great boat ride on the lake.

The seniors are planning a trip on September 14 on the Rip Van Winkle Boat ride on the Hudson River.

In addition, on October 19, a Costume Halloween Lunch (Pot Luck) is planned with a prize for the best costume.

On October 25<sup>th</sup>, the club will be going apple picking at Tantillo's Farm on Route 208. In addition, members will have three tables of assorted items and crafts for sale at Plattekill Day with the popular face painting by Rita Acevedo.

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## **TRANSFER STATION / RECYCLING CENTER**

contributed by Curt Dankelmann

Located on Venuto Road, just off of Freetown Highway, is one of the Town's most well kept secrets, the Plattekill Transfer Station and Recycling Center. This facility, while privately operated, is a resource for all Town of Plattekill residents.

Open seven days a week, residents have a whole host of solid waste services at their fingertips. Residents can bring their household trash, yard waste, furniture, construction debris and a whole list of items that can be recycled. Along with these services residents can purchase landscape mulch, made on site from recovered wood wastes and brush, and rent a roll off container for those really big clean up or home construction projects.

Budget minded residents find the use of the facility to be a savings over traditional curbside refuse haulers who are becoming more expensive and taking fewer things. Come by and try us out and see what over one third of your fellow residents have been doing with their trash and recyclables.

Our operating schedule is as follows:

8 AM – 4 PM, Monday through Saturday, 8 AM – 12 Noon on Sunday

Our phone number is 845-883-7100 Rate Information is available on the town's web site at <http://town.plattekill.ny.us>.

Stop by our booth at Plattekill Day September 17.

### **Birth Announcements - Our Community is Growing!**

Congratulations to Lisa and Rob Betanzos on the birth of their son, Travis Stephen on May 3, 2006. He weighed 8 lbs. 6 oz and was 21 inches long. He was born at St. Luke's/Cornwall Hospital, in Newburgh, NY. Mommy and baby are doing great!

Congratulations to David and Brea Bartolone on the birth of their son, Christopher David on August 9, 2006. He weighed 8 lbs. 8 oz. and was 21" long. He was born at Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie, NY. Both mom and baby are doing well!

Do you know of a birth of a Town of Plattekill resident you would like added to the next newsletter? If so, contact Jean Poirier, Town Publicist at [jeanp5@optonline.net](mailto:jeanp5@optonline.net). If there is room, we will include it!

### **Town Web Site Receives Updates**

The Town's website has been updated with some new features and additional information. Some of the new features include: In the News Now headlines on the front page, a new link to Policies and Guidelines on the front page, an online subscription to the town newsletter, etc. If you have any ideas/corrections/updates for the web site, contact Jean Poirier, Town Publicist at [jeanp5@optonline.net](mailto:jeanp5@optonline.net) or at (845) 883-5284. The town's web site is: <http://town.plattekill.ny.us>

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