

# Plattekill Times

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## Message from the Supervisor

Spring Greetings to all! Once again the Easter Egg Hunt at the Thomas Felten Community Park in Modena was a great success. It was wonderful to witness the excitement as the children participated in this fun event.

Speaking of children, I am pleased to announce that the Town has applied for a grant issued by the "Safe Routes to School Program." This program is sponsored by New York State and is designed to provide safe walking spaces within school zones. We are currently working on sidewalk designs along Plattekill-Ardonia Road, leading to the Plattekill Elementary School. This is a very busy intersection without sidewalks. This program does not require matching funds by the Town, therefore it will not be a cost burden to the taxpayers of Plattekill. I hope to report good news about this project in our next newsletter.

Thanks to Tammy Cavazza, we have been awarded a grant to cover the cost of a metal detector and additional security equipment for use in the Town Court from the State of New York Unified Court System. The total value of the award was \$6735 and installation should be completed by early summer. Great job Tammy!

I urge you to take a look at the Town Budget Comparison on page 2. We have been very successful in keeping our taxes low, and this chart shows just how well we are doing.

New carpeting was installed in the Town Hall earlier this year. I am glad this improvement has finally been realized. Stop in and check it out.

I wish you and your family a wonderful spring and look forward to the fun events planned for this summer in our Town.

Sincerely,  
Bruce Loertscher

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## Grievance Day Information, by Michael Dunham

The Assessors Office for the Town of Plattekill would like to remind all property owners that Grievance Day for 2008 will be Wednesday, May 28, 2008 from 1 PM to 4 PM, and 7 PM to 9 PM at the Town Hall on Route 44-55 in Modena. Any property owner who wishes to file a complaint on their 2008 assessment, must file an application with the Board of Assessment Review by May 28. Property owners are not required to appear before the Board of Review to have their complaint and application reviewed. If a property owner wishes to appear in person, they need to contact the Assessors Office at 845-883-7331, to make an appointment. Applications and instructions on completing the application are available from the Assessors Office at the Town Hall.

Property owners can contact the Assessors Office prior to April 15, 2008 if they have questions regarding their assessment. The assessments for the 2008 Assessment Roll will be a percentage of market value as of July 1, 2007. Property owners are encouraged to review the information on record for their property and are welcome to review information on other properties in their neighborhood. If a property owner has any questions regarding the assessment or grievance process, they can contact the Assessor at 845-883-7331.

## Ulster County Town Budget Detail/Comparison for 2007-2008

The following chart was recently shared by Mike Dunham, Assessor for Plattekill. It contains a comparison of Ulster County Towns, their corresponding Town and Highway budgets, the percentage change from 2007 to 2008, and the per capita tax levy in each town. (Per person cost for each town based on 2005 Census figures.) You will see that Plattekill has the lowest cost per capita, \$151.97.

COUNTY BUDGET COMPARISON				2007 VS 2008					
2008				2007			CHG 07/08	05 CENSUS	08 COST/CAP
TOWN	TOWN	HIGHWAY	TOTAL	TOWN	HIGHWAY	TOTAL			
ROCHESTER	\$786,192	\$1,206,350	\$1,992,542	\$843,537	\$1,284,693	\$2,128,230	0.94	7306	\$272.73
WOODSTOCK	\$2,648,995	\$1,357,586	\$4,006,581	\$2,825,864	\$1,361,896	\$4,187,760	0.96	6251	\$640.95
LLOYD	\$2,224,128	\$1,444,064	\$3,668,192	\$2,217,769	\$1,558,652	\$3,776,421	0.97	10499	\$349.38
HARDENBERG	\$257,771	\$401,900	\$659,671	\$272,533	\$390,000	\$662,533	1.00	220	\$2,998.50
HURLEY	\$628,800	\$1,152,900	\$1,781,700	\$638,400	\$1,147,165	\$1,785,565	1.00	6612	\$269.46
WAWARSING	\$2,057,754	\$2,679,789	\$4,737,543	\$2,057,754	\$2,664,652	\$4,722,406	1.00	13718	\$345.35
DENNING	\$230,880	\$589,909	\$820,789	\$230,320	\$583,689	\$814,009	1.01	517	\$1,587.60
<b>PLATTEKILL</b>	<b>\$650,755</b>	<b>\$992,046</b>	<b>\$1,642,801</b>	<b>\$643,717</b>	<b>\$977,610</b>	<b>\$1,621,327</b>	<b>1.01</b>	<b>10810</b>	<b>\$151.97</b>
SHANDAKEN	\$1,334,293	\$1,264,394	\$2,598,687	\$1,302,570	\$1,245,604	\$2,548,174	1.02	3160	\$822.37
ULSTER	\$3,793,710	\$1,880,378	\$5,674,088	\$3,620,285	\$1,872,522	\$5,492,807	1.03	12881	\$440.50
MARBLETOWN	\$477,159	\$818,155	\$1,295,314	\$466,219	\$785,675	\$1,251,894	1.03	6035	\$214.63
SHAWANGUNK	\$1,099,476	\$1,473,414	\$2,572,890	\$1,061,600	\$1,424,012	\$2,485,612	1.04	12707	\$202.48
SAUGERTIES	\$4,546,990	\$2,422,407	\$6,969,397	\$4,141,368	\$2,533,845	\$6,675,213	1.04	19379	\$359.64
ROSENDALE	\$1,247,764	\$833,236	\$2,081,000	\$1,181,985	\$798,892	\$1,980,877	1.05	6364	\$327.00
OLIVE	\$1,062,106	\$1,315,060	\$2,377,166	\$959,980	\$1,295,343	\$2,255,323	1.05	4701	\$505.67
GARDINER	\$429,296	\$722,597	\$1,151,893	\$376,937	\$704,533	\$1,081,470	1.07	5673	\$203.05
NEW PALTZ	\$6,027,384	\$1,158,800	\$7,186,184	\$5,598,229	\$1,124,811	\$6,723,040	1.07	14008	\$513.01
MARLBORO	\$2,611,924	\$1,968,258	\$4,580,182	\$2,417,474	\$1,858,168	\$4,275,642	1.07	8372	\$547.08
KINGSTON-TWN	\$271,131	\$176,138	\$447,269	\$240,925	\$175,106	\$416,031	1.08	919	\$486.69
ESOPUS	\$985,555	\$1,198,882	\$2,184,437	\$739,837	\$1,247,267	\$1,987,104	1.10	9494	\$230.09
<b>AVERAGE</b>							<b>1.03</b>	<b>159626</b>	<b>\$573.41</b>

### 2008 Planning Board Meeting Schedule

The following are the Planning Board meeting dates and submittal deadlines for the corresponding meeting for the balance of 2008.

MEETING DATE	SUBMITTAL DEADLINE
March 25	March 14
April 08	March 28
April 22	April 11
May 13	April 25
May 27	May 9
June 10	May 31
June 24	June 13
July 08	June 27
July 22	July 11
August 12	August 1
August 26	August 15
September 09	August 29
September 23	September 12

### MEETING DATE SUBMITTAL DEADLINE

October 14	September 30
October 28	October 17
November 11	October 31
November 25	November 14
December 09	November 30
December 23	December 12

The Planning Board meets every second and fourth Tuesday of the month. Meetings start at 7:30 PM. This schedule is subject to change at any time.

#### Job Posting: Clerk to the Supervisor

Must be on NYS Civil Service list and have excellent oral and written communication skills, excellent computer skills, pleasant and professional demeanor. Bilingual English/Spanish speaker a plus. Position is 30 hours/week. Send cover letter, resume and references to: Bruce Loertscher, Supervisor, Clerk to Supervisor Application, Town of Plattekill, PO Box 45, Modena, NY 12548.

## Bill McAfee Day

In honor of his long-time, dedicated service, the Ulster County Legislature designated March 12th as Bill McAfee Day (also his birthday). Some of you may know Bill as our Town's Code Enforcement Officer, but did you know he served on the Ulster County Legislature for 24 years? On December 31, 2007, McAfee retired as a County Legislator. The Plattekill Republican Committee held a dinner to honor him, where he was presented with three plaques on Sunday, February 24th. The plaques were presented from the New York State Legislature, Ulster County, and from the Plattekill Republican Committee, thanking him for his many years of dedicated service to the people of Ulster County. He has been a member of the Republican Party for 33 years and served on the Plattekill Town Board for four years as a councilman, then moved onto the Ulster County Legislature.

In May of 2005, he started as our Code Enforcement Officer with 54 years of experience in various building trades behind him. At one time, he owned his own business, "Always Masonary," based in Plattekill. A Plattekill resident for 53 years, McAfee recently married Jean Garzon of Newburgh, where they currently reside. "I was born in Newburgh, then lived in Plattekill, and now I'm back home, in Newburgh" McAfee said. He graduated in 1950 from Newburgh Free Academy and met his current wife at his 55<sup>th</sup> class reunion. Please join me in congratulating Mr. McAfee for his dedicated years of service to our region. Thank you Bill!

## New Book on Plattekill

This summer, thanks to the help of past and present residents of the Town of Plattekill, an updated town history will be released. Area resident Elizabeth Werlau has recently completed *Plattekill*, a pictorial history of the town to be released by Arcadia Publishing in June of 2008. Werlau credits the Plattekill community for helping her to compile the more than 200 photographs, postcards and documents that comprise the new collection.

Most notably, this project was completed with the generous help of Plattekill Town Historian Micki Obermeyer and from Plattekill Historical Society President (and former town historian) Shirley Anson. Included in the book are several never-before-published documents from the town's collection as well as from Obermeyer and Anson's extensive personal collections. Also included are images of Plattekill's residents, businesses, schools, churches, and events that depict the town's resounding sense of community.

In presenting those documents, Werlau has drawn upon numerous oral reflections and written histories by Anson (*Friends and Neighbors: A Pictorial*

*History of the Town of Plattekill and Southwest Lloyd*), Kenneth Hasbrouck ("The History of Modena"), Ed "Pop" Wager, Jerome and Elizabeth Hurd, Ralph and Alice Van Siclen, Carlton Mabee, P.N. Mitchell and Nathaniel B. Sylvester to provide a visual guide to the town from the late 1800s to the present.

Werlau is an English teacher in the Wallkill Central School District and a freelance journalist and photographer who grew up in the Plattekill hamlet of Modena. She is scheduled to speak about her project at the August 16 meeting of the Plattekill Historical Society.

## Sadie Hawkins Day Party

Local seniors leaped into the New Year at the Town's Sadie Hawkins's Day party on February 29<sup>th</sup> at the Clintondale Friends Church Community Room. Well over 100 seniors enjoyed the festivities which included music, dancing, karaoke, and a wonderful array of food that included a chocolate fondue fountain, ice cream sundae bar, a buffet of finger sandwiches and a variety of treats. "It was a wonderful day," said Valentine Judge, who danced with her husband Stephen, along with many others. "Alice and Wayne Harris worked so hard so we could have a lovely array of food. I even think Alice made the food herself," said Mary Tierney.



Valentine & Stephen Judge

A myriad of prizes were awarded making it almost feel like Christmas. Seniors were treated to gifts and gift certificates from the following generous donors: Town of Plattekill Recreation, Holligan Entertainment – McDonough's, Roberts Roofing – Kevin Roberts, Blind-O Corp.-Mike Baum, Mohonk Mountain House, P & Gs Restaurant – Mike Beck, Modena Stewarts, Golden Fox Restaurant, Wingate at Ulster, Hudson Valley Egg, Plattekill Hannaford, Ulster Savings Bank, Rocking Horse Ranch, Robin's, Freihoffer – Mike Croce, Pagentine Provisions – Joe Croce, William Minard Farms, Stop & Shop – New Paltz, Sam's Club – Kingston, Plaza Diner, Dedricks Pharmacy, Burger King of New Paltz, Classic Storage – Modena, Ulster County Transit, Ulster County Office of the Aging, Ulster County Tourism, Cornell Cooperative Extension, NYS Lottery, Shoprite of New Paltz, Joan & Arnie Bernardini, Jack & Zachary Harris, Alice and Wayne Harris. Sincere thanks to all donors and volunteers that worked so hard to make this large event a great success. All seniors who attended send a warm thank you to all those involved.

## MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATIONS

### Veterans' Breakfast

The annual Tri-Town Memorial Day Parade will be preceded by a Veterans' Breakfast. This free breakfast is for all local Veterans and their families at the Modena Fire & Rescue firehouse in Modena on Sunday, May 25, 2008 from 9-11 AM. If you are a veteran living in the vicinity, we invite you to attend. To register, call the firehouse at 883-6937 any Monday night from 7-9 PM.

### Parade

The hamlets of Clintondale, Modena and Plattekill will sponsor the Annual Tri-Town Memorial Day Parade that will take place in Modena on Sunday, May 25. Line up will take place at 1 PM with the step-off at 2 PM on Freetown Highway. The parade route will continue onto Route 44/55 heading west, then will turn onto Route 32 south, ending at the Thomas Felten Community Park. It will include the guests of honor, our local veterans, local dignitaries, our three fire departments, floats, bands, etc. Post parade festivities will continue at the Modena Fire House with food and drink. Come out to celebrate our local heroes and thank them for their service to our country.

## Weekend of Honor

April 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> have been designated the Weekend of Honor, a community effort by the Southern Ulster Rotary Club to recognize 22 young men and women from the Hudson Valley who have lost their lives in service to our country. This grassroots endeavor initially honored Lt. Mark Dooley, former Plattekill resident, but has grown to include heroes in neighboring communities.

The weekend will include the Ceremony of Honor, Dinner of Honor, Breakfast of Honor, Jr. Race of Honor, and the 5K Race of Honor. The ceremony and dinner will be held on Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> and the races and breakfast will be held on Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. The monies raised by these events will be used to support Mark's Scholarship, community service, and military service projects.

Families and businesses are invited to be sponsors for this event. Donations can be made at a variety of levels by completing a Donation Commitment Form that can be downloaded from their Web site: [www.weekendofhonor.org](http://www.weekendofhonor.org).

### The schedule of activities is as follows:

**Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> – Ceremony of Honor**, 7 PM, Walkkill Middle School. Patriot ceremony to honor military personnel and families. Refreshments served

after the ceremony. All are invited to attend.

### Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>

- **Breakfast of Honor**, Plattekill Fire House, 8 AM. All invited. Adults \$7, Children 3 to 12 yrs./\$5, children under 3 free. All 5K race participants enjoy breakfast for free after the race (included in registration fee).
- **Junior Race of Honor**, Plattekill Fire House 8:40 AM. No cost or registration. All junior race participants receive a metal. Group 1: 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders, Group 2: 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders.
- **5K Race of Honor**, Plattekill Fire House, 8:30 AM for Walkers, 9:30 AM for Runners. Preregistration is recommended and discounted. 8 AM registration deadline for walkers. 9 AM registration deadline for runners.

For more information, contact Vincent Petrocelli at 728-0038, Bob Earl at 883-5563, Chris Dawes at 883-7130, Jim Kiley at 883-5000 or visit [www.weekendofhonor.org](http://www.weekendofhonor.org).

## Spring Cleaning Helps Library

Wondering what to do with all those nice baby items and kids' clothes, toys, books and movies you stored away in the basement or the attic or stashed under the guest room bed? Need to weed through your assortment of DVDs to make room for the latest Oscar winners? Want to clean out the house of all those unused, but nice children's clothes that you just don't have the room for?

Well, that's what Friends are for. While the Friends of Plattekill Public Library won't offer to come to your home or clean out your car, they will happily accept all gently used household and children's items, especially children's clothes, toys, books, movies and baby items that are in good condition. These items will be sold at their "New to You" – Kids and Community Sale being held on Saturday April 19<sup>th</sup>, 9 AM to 4 PM. Other sellers and vendors will be selling their wares too.

High school students in need of fulfilling Community Service time can rack those hours up by joining in the fun as volunteers during the Sale. Free snacks provided. Adult volunteers are needed to help set up, organize, and work the sale. Food and water provided.

Drop donated items off at Classic Storage, our business partner, during office hours, April 1 – 17, Route 44/55 in Modena. That gives you more than two weeks to clear out your house for spring cleaning, AND support your library. All proceeds from the sale go to the Friends of the Plattekill Public Library. Please DO NOT drop off textbooks, encyclopedias or magazines. Think Green and bring those to the Plattekill Transfer Station and Recycling Center.

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## Town of Plattekill Community Events Calendar 2008

For additions/changes/corrections to this calendar, email Jean Poirier at jeanp5@optonline.net or call (845) 883-5284. **This list was updated as of 03/23/2008.**

### March

- Mar 27 – Movie: “Simpsons – 6<sup>th</sup> Season,” 6 PM at the Plattekill Public Library  
Mar 27 – Men’s Softball League Organizational Meeting, 7:30 PM at the Community Room (below the Plattekill Library). For further information contact Wayne Harris at 883-6022.  
Mar 28 – Pet Clinic, 4 PM to 6 PM, Plattekill Town Hall Garage. Bring your dog or cat on a leash or in a kennel. Low cost veterinary care by Dr. Laurie Stein from Main Street Veterinary Clinic. For more information call 534-3644.

### April

- Apr 5 - Penny Social, Clintondale Fire Department Fire House (doors open at 5:30 PM; calling begins at 7 PM). For more information contact Ron Wager at 883-7344.  
Apr 5 – Ceremony of Honor, 7 PM, John G. Borden Middle School in Walkkill. All invited.  
Apr 6 – Breakfast of Honor, Junior Race of Honor, and a 5K Race of Honor (formerly Lt. Mark Dooley Memorial 5K). Contact Vincent Petrocelli for more information at 728-0038.  
Apr 12 – Flea Market and Bake Sale at Modena Fire House – Plattekill Golden Years, For table reservation contact Mary Tierney at 883-7854.  
Apr 12 – “For My Friends” Card Making Class, 7 PM to 9 PM in the Community Room below the Plattekill Public Library. Members \$10, nonmembers \$12. Call Christine Adams for more information at 895-1260.  
Apr 13 - Pancake Breakfast to benefit Clintondale Fire Department, sponsored by the Clintondale FD Auxiliary. 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM at the Firehouse. For more information contact Ron Wager at 883-7344.  
Apr 14 – Senior Trip to Hunterdon, NJ to “The Last of The Red Hot Lovers,” starring Charlie Rose. Bus departs the Town Hall parking lot at 9 AM. Sponsored by the Plattekill Senior Citizen Club. Contact Dolores for additional information at 883-7265.  
Apr 16 – Trip to Mohegan Sun Casino in Connecticut. Bus leaves Town Hall at 9 AM. Sponsored by the Plattekill Golden Years. Contact Mary Tierney at 883-7854.  
Apr 19 – “New to You” – Kids and Community Sale, 9 AM to 4 PM at Classic Storage, Rt. 44/55 in Modena. This is a fundraising event for the Friends of the Plattekill Public Library that will also benefit the community and local charities. Featuring baby and kids items, toys, books, movies, clothing and general household items. Rent a table space to sell your own items or crafts for only \$20 and help the library at the same time! For general information, contact Jean Poirier at 883-5284 or to rent a space, contact Classic Storage at 883-7057. Unsold items will be donated to local charity.  
Apr 26 – Softball Saturdays Registration at 1 PM at Felten Park.  
Apr 26 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Great Pumpkin Seminar, 1:30 PM at the Felten Park pavilion.  
Apr 26 - Kite Flying Day at Felten Park, 2 PM. Bring your kite and fly it with other kites!  
Apr 30 - **Di de los Libros/Di de los Ninos** - A celebration of books, children and multiculturalism at the Plattekill Public Library. More information TBA.

### May

- May 3 – Jun 14 Softball Saturdays 10 AM to Noon for ages 7 to14. Thomas Felten Community Park.  
May 3 - Penny Social, Clintondale Fire Department Fire House (doors open at 5:30 PM; calling begins at 7 PM). For more information contact Ron Wager at 883-7344.  
May 10 – ‘Flowers for Mom’ Card Making Class – 7 PM to 9 PM in the Community Room below the Plattekill Public Library. Call Christine Adams for more information at 895-1260.

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- May 14 – Senior Trip to Erhardt’s at Lake Wallenpauack, showing “The Orphan’s”. Fee is \$35 and departs the Town Hall at 9 AM. Sponsored by the Plattekill Senior Citizen Club. Contact Dolores for additional information at 883-7265.
- May 17 – Bicycle Safety Rodeo, 10 AM – 2 PM at the Plattekill Town Hall. Bring your bike and helmet, learn about safety. Child Safety Seat information and advice will also be provided.
- May 20 – Summer Camp Registration at 6 PM for ages 8 to 14 yrs., Plattekill Town Hall. Bring child’s birth certificate, health records and \$185 registration fee. Camp is Monday – Thursdays, 9 AM to 3 PM, June 23 to August 1<sup>st</sup>.
- May 20 – Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Plattekill Public Library, 7:30 PM. Election of Officers and a business meeting will take place in the Community Room below the library.
- May 25 - Tri-Town Memorial Day Parade 2 PM in Modena.

### June

- Jun 18 - Tee Ball Registration, 6 PM, Thomas Felten Community Park. For 3 to 9 year olds. Volunteer coaches needed. Contact Wayne Harris for more information at 883-6022.
- Jun 18 – Senior Trip to Westchester Broadway Theatre to see “Beauty and The Beast.” Bus departs the Town Hall parking lot at 9 AM. Sponsored by the Plattekill Senior Citizen Club. Contact Dolores for additional information at 883-7265.
- Jun 18 – Platzl Brauhaus, Pomona, NY – Bus trip with a full day of activities and lots of great food! Bus departs the Town Hall parking lot at 10 AM. Sponsored by the Plattekill Golden Years. Contact Mary Tierney at 883-7854.
- Jun 30 – Aug 7 – Summer Day Camp at Plattekill Elementary School and KOA 9 AM - 3 PM. (Must register May 20th)
- Jun 25 – Aug 13 Tee Ball 6 PM Wednesdays at Thomas Felten Community Park

### July

- Jul 7 – Third Annual Red, White, and Blue Golf Outing at the Garden Cathay. 9 holes, breakfast, lunch, prizes. \$45 per player. 9 AM Tee time, registration and breakfast 8 AM. Contact Wayne Harris for more information at 883-6022.
- Jul 8 – Senior Trip to Aqua Turf, CT, Dixieland Delight. Bus departs the Town Hall at 9 AM. Sponsored by the Plattekill Senior Citizen Club. Contact Dolores for additional information at 883-7265.
- Jul 12 – Red, White, and Blue Concert in the Park and Fireworks, 5 PM to 9 PM, Thomas Felten Community Park. Music by local band, “Touch of Rhythm.” Refreshments available. Bring your chair or blanket.
- Jul 29 – Italian Festival at Aqua Turf – Come enjoy their annual Italian Festival which includes entertainment and wonderful Italian food (family style). Bus leaves Town Hall at 9:15 AM. Sponsored by the Plattekill Golden Years. For more information contact Mary Tierney at 883 -7854.

### August

- Aug 3 – Sunset Serenade featuring a Latin American Band, 6 PM. Bring your chairs and enjoy the music and the sunset overlooking the Shawangunk Ridge. Thomas Felten Community Park in Modena.
- Aug 10 - Sunset Serenade featuring return of “Breakaway” classic hits, 6 PM. Bring your chairs and enjoy the music and the sunset overlooking the Shawangunk Ridge. Thomas Felten Community Park in Modena.
- Aug 17 - Sunset Serenade (band TBA), 6 PM. Bring your chairs and enjoy the music and the sunset overlooking the Shawangunk Ridge. Thomas Felten Community Park in Modena.

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For further info about the "New to You" – Kids and Community Sale or if you want to sign up as a volunteer call: (845) 883-5284 or visit:

[www.mylibraryfriends.org](http://www.mylibraryfriends.org). Vendor space is available for only \$20 per table. Bring your items, store them temporarily and then sell them yourself, that day at the sale. All proceeds from the sale will help support the library and unsold items will be donated to local charity. This is a win-win for everyone!

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## COMMUNITY NOTES

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### Pet Clinic in Plattekill

The next pet clinic will take place on Friday, March 28, 4 PM to 6 PM behind the Plattekill Town Hall, at the Highway Garage.

### Yambay an Eagle Scout

On January 5, 2008 at his Eagle Court of Honor, David Alexander Yambay received his Eagle designation. David started his career as a Tiger Cub 12 years ago. He earned the Arrow of Light as a Webelos Scout in Plattekill Pack 95 and joined Plattekill Troop 195 in 2000. As a Boy Scout he has held many leadership positions - Patrol Leader, Scribe, Den



**Eagle Scout, David Yambay**

Chief, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader, Junior Assistant Scoutmaster, Order of the Arrow-Vice-Chief of Service and continuing as Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 195. The highlights of David's scouting career are his attainment of his Eagle Badge as well as his involvement in the Order of the Arrow as an arrowman, officer and principle character in Order of the Arrow ceremonies. He has spent his summers at Rip Van Winkle Council Camp Tri-Mount. He worked with younger scouts at the troop level, at summer camp and watched them succeed.

David's interest and concern for the community was the principle reason he decided that working on the overgrowth and disrepair of the Plattekill Community Burying Grounds would be his Eagle Project. The Plattekill Community Burying Grounds is located be-

hind the Plattekill Corner Store.

David graduated from Wallkill Senior High School last June and is attending Clarkson University in Potsdam, NY. He is majoring in Computer Engineering with a minor in Electrical Engineering. He is also continuing his scouting career as Vice-President of Service of Alpha Phi Omega, a scouting fraternity at Clarkson. While at Clarkson, he continues to help local scouts in the Potsdam area.

### Plattekill Head Start

submitted by Mary Brady, Director

Spring has finally sprung! We enjoyed our spring break but are glad to be back with our friends. We are busy with our planting activities and are glad to be exercising our muscles out on the playground again. It will soon be time to get our larvae and watch them develop into beautiful butterflies. We love to watch them fly away when they get big. Our trips to the Plattekill Library are so much fun! Thank you Miss Barbara for the great stories and crafts. Our parents have also been learning Common Sense Parenting and continuing their education through Ulster BOCES. If you have a friend that will be three years old by December 1, 2008, please have a parent contact Betsy Escanio at 564-1693 to arrange a Wait List Interview. We'd love to have you as our classmate.

### A Few Reminders

- To members of the Modena Fire and Rescue: remember to vote at the department officer election to be held on April 3rd.
- The **Annual Ulster County Volunteer Firemen's Association Parade** will take place on July 26, 2008 in Saugerties. Come cheer on our local departments!
- **Subscribe to this newsletter** via email. Would you like to view this newsletter online, in full color, even before it is out in print? Be the first to read it by subscribing for email delivery. Visit <http://town.plattekill.ny.us>, click on newsletter and complete the subscription form.
- **COMMUNITY RESOURCES ON TOWN WEB SITE.** We have many local businesses and services listed, but we could have more. List your business or service that is located in Plattekill in the town's Community Resources Directory on the Web site. Simply visit the Web site and complete the simple form. It is designed to help visitors and new residents locate resources within our town and support local businesses at the same time. <http://town.plattekill.ny.us>.

## Town of Plattekill Recreation

**Wayne Harris, Recreation Director**

**883-6022**

The Town of Plattekill's Recreation Department has planned the following events for our community. Here is a quick glance of the offerings for the coming months. All of these events can also be found on the Plattekill Community Events Calendar which is updated on a regular basis and posted in the Town Hall and also on the town's Web site at <http://town.plattekill.ny.us>. The Web version is updated on a regular basis.

**Men's Softball League Organizational Meeting** March 27, 2008 at 7:30 PM at the Plattekill Senior Community Center (below the library). \$600 per team, 15 Player Roster, slow pitch format, Sunday games at Felten Field.

**Softball Saturdays Registration** at 1 PM, April 26<sup>th</sup> at Felten Park. Program runs May 3 - June 14, 10 AM - noon, softball practice and games for 8 to 14 year olds, non-competitive, no experience necessary. Coach Angela Tadry.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Great Pumpkin Seminar**, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM at Felten Park - Learn how to grow giant pumpkins from horticulturist Daryl David. Seeds and plants provided to participants. Great pumpkin weigh-in will be October 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Kite Day at Felten Park**, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM - Bring your kite (hand-made or commercial) and fly it with other kites. Last year about 15 kites were aloft during our windiest part of the day.

**Bicycle Safety Rodeo-** TOPREC is partnering with the Plattekill Police Department on Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup> for this fun event, 10 AM – 2 PM, at the Plattekill Town Hall. Bring your bike and bike helmet, learn about safety. **Child Safety Seat information and advice** will also be provided.

**Summer Camp Registration** - May 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM at the Plattekill Town Hall. Don't be late for summer camp registration for youths 8 to 14 years of age. Director Sandi Rainieri is planning another great season beginning June 23-August 1, (Mondays through Thursdays, 9 AM – 3 PM. Mondays at Plattekill Elementary School, Tuesdays and Thursdays at KOA, Wednesdays - Field trips.) Bring child's birth certificate and health records and \$185 registration fee. This year TOPREC has received a grant for over \$1000 in equipment for our nutritional/activity program from the Ulster County Health Department.

**Tee Ball Registration** June 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM, Felten Park Pavilion for 3 to 9 year olds, Tee Ball will meet Wednesdays June 25- August 13 at the softball field at 6 PM . Coach Angela Tadry will provide instruction. Volunteer coaches needed.

**Red, White, and Blue Concert In the Park and Fireworks** Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup>. Music by local band "Touch of Rhythm," 5 to 9 PM at Felten Park in the Softball Field. Fireworks shortly after dusk. Food and refreshments by Southern Ulster Rotary, Knights of Columbus, and Boy Scouts. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. **NO DOGS OR ALCOHOL**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Red, White and Blue Golf Outing at the Garden Cathay**, July 7<sup>th</sup> - 9 holes, breakfast, lunch, prizes, Tee time 9 AM, breakfast and registration 8AM. \$45 per player.

**Sunset Serenades-** Bring your picnic baskets, lawn chairs and enjoy the music at the Felten Park Pavilion on the following Sundays in August at 6 PM. All concerts are free.

- August 3<sup>rd</sup> Latin American Band
- August 10<sup>th</sup> Return of "Breakaway" classic hits
- August 17<sup>th</sup> TBA



### Parkland Development

The TOPREC Committee has been meeting to discuss development of the new park land (72 acres) and additional items for the current park. Ideas for the new park land include: campsites, snow tubing, pond expansion, dog park, geo-tracking, plant nursery, garden spaces, ski slope, bird sanctuary, boating, fitness trail, picnic areas, save the stonewalls.

Ideas for current park land include: spray-ground, Frisbee golf, peace pole, bocce, horseshoes, shuffleboard, croquet, drinking fountain, sound system, equip kitchen.

If you have any ideas for our park please send them to TOPREC, PO Box 45, Modena, NY 12548 or call Wayne Harris at 883-6022. We need your ideas! If you would like to teach or demonstrate a hobby, craft or skill, please let us know. We are growing and need more ideas.

## Use of the Park Pavilion

The Thomas Felten Community Park Pavilion is a great place to enjoy a family picnic, birthday celebration, anniversary party, or other events. Please remember, NO ALCOHOL OR PETS are allowed in the park. The pavilion may be reserved in the following manner:

- 1.) Call the Town Clerk at 883-7331 to arrange an available date.
- 2.) The date will be reserved for one week.
- 3.) Complete the application form and provide a check for \$100.00 (refundable security deposit) and a non-refundable fee (amount determined by the size of your party). For current fees, contact the Town Clerk. Fee Exempt Organizations: Local Fire departments; Local Girl and Boy Scouts; Local Civic Groups; and Churches.



## Programs @Plattekill Public Library, by Mary Antzak

The library is pleased to offer a variety of programs for all ages. We hope you stop in and join us for one of our spring programs. We are located at 2047 State Route 32, Modena, NY 12548, (845) 883-7286. Our hours are: Monday 1 – 6, Tuesday 1 – 8, Wednesday and Thursday 10 – 8, Friday 1 – 6, Saturday 10 – 3. You can also visit our Web site at [www.plattekill.lib.ny.us](http://www.plattekill.lib.ny.us) where you access a world of information and can use your library card to reserve a book, sign into Tutor.com (4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades), read about our book clubs, and find a host of useful information. Check it out!

### April

- 3: Author's Visit - Laura Henion, Cops Daughter, 6:30 PM at the library. (please register)
- 12: "For My Friends" Card Making Class, 7 to 9 PM – registration required.
- 17: EARTH DAY READALOUD (during National Library Week) at 6:30 PM
- 19: Friends of the Plattekill Public Library "New To You" – Kids and Community Sale, @ Classic Storage on Route 44/55 in Modena, 9 to 4.
- 24: Movie – LITTLE BIG LEAGUE at 6 PM
- 30: Di de los Libros/Di de los Ninos – A celebration of books, children, and multiculturalism.

### May

- 10: "Flowers for Mom" Card Making Class, 7 – 9 PM, registration required
- 15: STAR SPANGLED READALOUD at 6:30 PM
- 22: Movie – LIBERTY'S KIDS movie marathon at 6 PM

- 30/31: American Revolution Reenactment behind the library

### June

- No readaloud
- 26: Movie – BEE movie at 6 PM

### July & August

**Summer Reading Program: 7/7 – 8/30/2008.** Pick up a calendar at the library or view it online at <http://plattekill.lib.ny.us>. The themes are "Catch the Reading Bug" for kids and "Metamorphosis @ Your Library" for teens and adults. Don't miss out on the great prizes that will be given out to kids, teens, and adults who read books over the summer! Register to be a "library reader!" Begins in June.

### Upcoming special programs:

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

### Book Clubs and Author Visit

We have **three** active book clubs. If you'd like to join one of our book discussion groups, with occasional author visits, call the library or check our website for upcoming book titles. The next author to visit is Laura Marie Henion who wrote COP'S DAUGHTER. She will be coming to the library on April 3, 2008 at 6:30 PM. Please register for this event so we may plan accordingly.

### Great Prizes for 4<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> Graders

Kids in grades 4<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade have an opportunity to win a gift card to FYE, Gamestop or a brand new MP3 player just by trying out the Tutor.com program offered through the Plattekill Public Library. Students must be in the Wallkill Central School District and have a current library card to log in. The student enters the contest at the library by handing in printouts from his/her Tutor.com session log. The students with the most session logs can win one of these great prizes. The contest ends in April, so get on now and check it out!

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## SENIOR CORNER

**News from the Plattekill Senior Citizens Club**, submitted by Rita Acevedo

Hello to all new members of our club; we welcome all of you!

It was our pleasure to surprise Joyce Estess' mom on her 94<sup>th</sup> birthday recently at our club. We enjoyed a beautiful cake and all of Ms. Fern's friends attended. She is a delightful lady!

I have planned some day trips to various places of interest that we could visit as a group or with just a few members. We have such a rich history in this area, especially in Newburgh and Montgomery, five or more trips are being discussed.

*From UK to USA (second installment about Stephen and Valentine Judge)*

Our friends, Valentine and Stephen Judge arrived in the USA in 1963 with help from her brother (see their photo on page 3). Within five years they bought a house. They have two daughters (one in Georgia and the other here in the Hudson Valley), four grandkids and great grandkids, enriching their lives. They are both retired, enjoy traveling, dancing, and coming to our club. Valentine and Stephen love our trips and our friendship.

### **Upcoming Trips sponsored by the Plattekill Senior Citizen Club** -

Contact Dolores Hulse at 883-7265 for tickets and more information.

- **Apr 14 – Senior Trip to Hunterdon, NJ to “The Last of The Red Hot Lovers,”** starring Charlie Rose. Fee is \$58.50. Doors open at 11 AM. Bus departs the Town Hall parking lot at 9 AM.
- **May 14 – Senior Trip to Erhardt’s at Lake Wallenpauack,** showing “The Orphan’s”. Fee is \$35 and departs the Town Hall at 9 AM.
- **Jun 18 – Senior Trip to Westchester Broadway Theatre to see “Beauty and The Beast.”** Seats are in the main isle, #143 to 154. Doors open at 11 AM, food served at 11:30 AM. Curtain time 1 PM. Fee is \$53. Bus departs the Town Hall parking lot at 9 AM.

**Plattekill Golden Years Senior Club**, submitted by Emilie Rappleyea and Mary Tierney

Our group is pleased to offer the following events. For trip tickets, contact Mary Tierney, Trip Coordinator at 883-7852. New members welcome!

**April 12 – Flea Market and Bake Sale at Modena Fire House** – Rent a table for \$10 each and sell your treasures/crafts. Refreshments will be available. For table reservation contact Mary Tierney at 883-7854. Table rental fees go to the Modena Fire Department.

**April 16 – Trip to Mohegan Sun Casino in CT.** Members \$30, nonmembers \$32. Bus leaves Town Hall at 9 AM and leaves the casino at 4:30 PM. Fee includes a \$10 food voucher and a \$10 free spin at the wheel!

**June 18 – Platzl Brauhaus, Pomona, NY** – Bus trip with a full day of activities and lots of food! Includes breakfast, lunch, dinner, and use of all of the facilities. Enjoy the band, dancing, shuffleboard, swimming, bingo, gambling, and beer and soda all day. \$38/person. Bus departs the Town Hall parking lot at 10 AM.

**Additional trips are planned by both groups for later in the year but due to limited space, they are not listed here. See the Summer edition of the Plattekill Times for Summer and Fall trips.**

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