

Plattekill Times

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Message from the Supervisor

First, let me wish you a happy holiday season and happy new year! I look forward to serving the people of Plattekill and working with the Town Board to ensure a bright future for the town.

We have had some exciting developments occur since our last issue of this newsletter. Some of the most recent changes have taken place in our Police Department. Joseph Ryan, former Plattekill Police Officer, is now our Chief of Police. (Please see the article on page 2.) We have also added some additional officers to ensure your safety. Please help me welcome Robert Askew, Jason Betley, Gregory Drobot (trainee), Nicholas Vegeto, Matthew Walsh (trainee), and Scott Wolpert.

On October 6th, we celebrated the grand opening of Hannaford Supermarket. We welcome them to our community and they welcomed us with a grant for \$1500. We look forward to their continued support of our community while we enjoy the beautiful new store and the convenience of being able to shop locally.

Some local physical improvements in the town include: two roads that have been recently repaved (Patura Road and Kingsview Drive), and a new roof on our library. We plan to continue to improve town property, such as the recently acquired parkland. We look forward to your input to our Recreation Committee. Speaking of recreation, take a look at our updated Community Events Calendar, which is a pullout in this newsletter. We hope you take advantage of all of the opportunities available to you.

I hope to see you at the Christmas Tree Lighting at the Thomas Felten Community Park on Saturday December 1st at 6 PM.

Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season!

Sincerely,
Bruce Loertscher

Message from the Assessor, by Michael Dunham

The Assessors Office for the Town of Plattekill would like to remind all property owners that the filing deadline for all exemptions is March 1, 2008. Property owners who are currently receiving The Enhanced Star, Senior Citizen, Agricultural Disability, and Wholly exemption from property taxes must file their renewal form by March 1. All renewal applications were mailed to property owners in December. If a property owner did not receive the application, they should contact the Assessors Office as soon as possible.

If a property owner is receiving the Basic Star Exemption they do not need to file a renewal exemption. If a property owner will be 65 years of age on December 31, 2008, they may be eligible for the Enhanced Star Exemption and they should contact the Assessors Office before March 1. The income level for Enhanced Star has also been raised to \$70,650. If a property owner did not qualify in the past for the Enhanced Star Exemption because of income, they may be eligible under the new income level and should contact the Assessors Office.

All property owners are eligible for the Basic Star Exemption on their primary residence, regardless of age or income. If there is more than one primary residence

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- *Local Toys for Tots*
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- *Photos of the building of Hannaford*
- *Golf and Bowling for Seniors*

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on a property, each owner is eligible for the exemption if they are the owner of the property. In addition, if a person owns a mobile home and the home is located on property owned by another person, they are eligible for the Star Exemption.

If a property owner has questions about any exemptions and whether they are eligible, they should contact the Assessors Office at 845-883-7331, prior to March 1, 2008.

Middle Class Star Rebate

The Assessors Office for the Town of Plattekill would like to remind property owners of the Middle Class Star Exemption and the process for receiving the benefits. As part of the 2007 New York State Budget, property owners who receive the Basic Star or Enhanced Star Exemption on their 2007 School Tax Bill will receive a rebate check from the state.

In order to receive the Middle Class Star Rebate, you must have received the Star Exemption for the 2007 School Tax Year. The NYS Taxation Department starting mailing checks and applications in the middle of September. If you have not received a rebate check or rebate application by December 21, 2007, you should contact the NYS Taxation Department at 1-877-678-2769. The deadline for filing for the Rebate is December 31, 2007.

New Police Chief Appointed

Congratulations to Joseph Ryan, new Chief of Police for the Town of Plattekill. Ryan was appointed at the November 7th Town Board Meeting. He brings over 20 years of experience in law enforcement to the job and is also concurrently Captain at the Orange County Sheriff's Correctional Facility. He has been a part-time police officer in Plattekill since 1996.

He started his career as a police officer for the New York City Police Department before joining the Orange County Sheriff's Office. His former experience includes positions as Deputy Sheriff, Investigator, Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain, and an MP in the Army Reserves. He is also a consultant for the American Correctional Association.

In his new role he will be focusing on providing structure to the department by providing leadership, writing policies and procedures, and striving for efficiency.

When asked what his goals are for next few years, he says he hopes to have a few full-time police officers, expanding coverage to 24/7. Currently the department consists of part-time police coverage.

He wants the citizens of Plattekill to know that the Plattekill Police Department is there for them, and will be more visible, proactive, and actively following up on cases. Chief Ryan looks forward to "providing courteous, respectful and professional service."

Public Notice

Plattekill Fire District
PO. Box 219 Plattekill New York 12568
ANNUAL ELECTION OF THE Plattekill FIRE DISTRICT

On December 11, 2007

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Election of the Plattekill Fire District will take place on December 11, 2007 between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. at the Plattekill Fire House located on Firehouse Rd, Plattekill New York for the purpose of electing one Commissioner for a five (5) year term, commencing January 1, 2008 and ending December 31, 2012. And the purpose of electing a Treasurer for a three (3) year term, commencing January 1, 2008 and ending December 31, 2010. All registered voters of the Plattekill Fire District shall be eligible to vote.

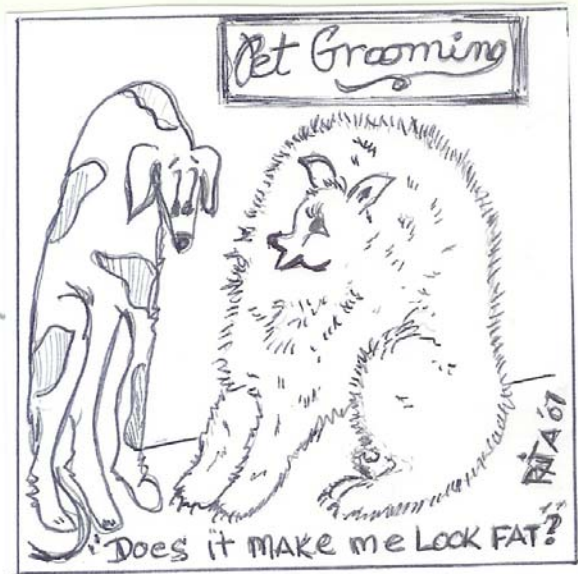
November 21, 2007

Tina TenEyck

Secretary

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

PLATTEKILL FIRE DISTRICT



Cartoon drawn and submitted by Rita Acevedo,
Town of Plattekill Resident

Plattekill Day 2007 Photo Book

The Town lucked out again by having beautiful weather for Plattekill Day 2007, which took place on Sunday, September 16th at the Thomas Felten Community Park in Modena. There was excellent turn out for this affair, which is Plattekill's biggest event of the year. The Town thanks the multitude of volunteers and staff that made the event a success. Here is a sampling of photos.



Little Miss New York, Catherine Caruncho of Plattekill, assists the Plattekill Public Library at Plattekill Day, promoting reading and helping locals sign up for a library card.



Great weather provided a stellar view of the Shawangunk Ridge from the Thomas Felten Community Park, where Plattekill Day was held.



The Knights of Columbus 9165 had a great time at their booth! L to R: Bill Arduino, Gary Benken, Grand Knight Nick Apuzzo, John Caparaso, Past Grand Knight



The Golden Years Seniors of Plattekill sponsored a booth and bake sale. Mary Tierney (center) and Emilie Rappleyea (right) are facing the camera.



Citizen of The Year 2007

For the first time two people received the Plattekill 2007 Citizen of the Year Award. Congratulations to Eleanor Seeland and Florence (Flossie) Jesse. The award iacknowledges citizens who give back to their community.

Ms. Seeland was selected because she "has continually helped citizens in the town with food, clothing and a helping hand when ever it is needed. She does it quietly and with modesty, never telling anyone no," according to Councilwoman Delgado, a selection committee member. Some readers might know Ms. Seeland as the person who used to have a bus by her house filled with clothes, toys and household items for anyone that needed them. The bus isn't there anymore, however she still has a table in her front yard on Rt. 44-55, where folks and stop and pick up what is being offered, or drop off something in good condition that could be of use to someone else.

Ms. Jesse received the award for all of the help she has given to so many through the years. Be it money to charitable organizations or lending a helping hand to a neighbor when needed, she has always been willing to help someone in need. Councilwoman Delgado said "Flossie has donated her apartments to people who needed a place to stay and has given food to those who were hungry and has helped countless people."

Please join us in congratulating these two outstanding individuals. We are lucky to have concerned and caring citizens like this in our town.

SPOTLIGHT: Local Entrepreneurs

At the Grand Opening celebration of Hannaford's, I had the delicious pleasure of meeting two locals, Cristina and Freddy DeStefano who make hand-rolled Caciocavallo cheese, right in Modena. The name of their company is Casa Del Caciocavallo, Inc. As their label reads "Mamma" Maria DeStefano along with husband Papa Vittorio DeStefano started the production of this cheese over 35 years ago on their farm in Modena. Each piece was individually hand rolled and the only recipe to follow was the experience in their hands. Today Freddy and Cristina DeStefano continue the tradition of this hand-crafted product."

Our local Hannaford carries their four different flavors: Original, Crushed Red Pepper, Black Pepper, and Minced Garlic. It is a young provolone that gets sharper with age. It is also being sold in all of the Hannaford stores in the Hudson Valley and

Capital District, Adams Fairacre Farms, area delis, Robin's Wholesale and delis in New York City. They use milk from a local farm in New Windsor and pride themselves in making the cheese the old fashioned way – by hand. Try some the next time you are in Hannaford. I tasted all of them and they were delicious!



Cristina and Freddy DeStefano and their Caciocavallo cheese in the new Hannaford in Plattekill.



Classic Storage, conveniently located on Rt. 44-55 in Modena (next to I87) is pleased to sponsor the Toys for Tots campaign. Please make this holiday season special for a child that might not have any reason to celebrate. 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 AM – 7 PM

Tue, Wed, Fri, Sat, 10 AM – 3 PM

Toys will be collected until December 14, 2007. If you need any additional information please contact us at 845-883-7057. Everyone here at Classic Storage wishes you a safe and happy holiday season.

Town of Plattekill Community Events Calendar 2007/2008

For additions/changes/corrections to this calendar, email Jean Poirier, Town Publicist at jeanp5@optonline.net or call (845) 883-5284. **This list was updated 11/28/2007.**

December 2008

- Dec 1 – Tree Lighting and Bon Fire at the Park, 6 PM. Come enjoy the bon fire, some hot chocolate, caroling and a visit from Santa!
- Dec 7 – Christmas for Plattekill Golden Years Seniors at the Village Grill (New Paltz) at 1 PM. Choice of: Prime Rib, Pecan Chicken, Filet of Sole. Will also include dessert. \$20/members, \$22/nonmembers. To reserve a seat, contact Mary Tierney at 883-7854.
- Dec 9 – Breakfast with Santa! Sponsored by the Plattekill Fire Department from 8 AM to 1 PM, Adults (12 & Up) \$7, children (4 - 12 years old)\$4, children under 4 years old are free.
- Dec 20 – Picture with Santa, 5:30 PM at the Plattekill Public Library, to support the Friends of the Plattekill Public Library.
- Dec 20 – “How The Grinch Stole Christmas” Read Aloud, 6:30 PM, Plattekill Public Library.
- Dec 23 – Children’s Nativity Pageant, 6 PM to 8 PM, United Methodist Church of Modena.
- Dec 27 – Movie, “Elf,” 6 PM, Plattekill Public Library.

January 2008

- Jan 8 - Basketball for ages 7-15 at Plattekill Elementary School
- Jan 15 - Foul Shooting Contest at Plattekill Elementary School. Sponsored by TOPREC & Knights Of Columbus
- Jan 17 – Penguin Read Aloud for 2 years old and up, 6:30 PM, Plattekill Public Library.
- Jan 22 – Feb 26 Basketball for ages 7 to 15 at Plattekill Elementary School on Tuesdays 6 to 9 PM
- Jan 24 – Movie: “Surf’s Up,” 6 PM, Plattekill Public Library

February 2008

- Feb 9 - Defensive Driving Class from 9 AM to 3 PM at the Plattekill Public Library – Community Room. Cost \$50; call 895-5098 to register.
- Feb 12 - Adult Softball League Organizational Meeting at Plattekill Town Hall in Modena
- Feb 21 – Seuss Read Aloud for two year olds and up, 6:30 PM at the Plattekill Public Library.
- Feb 28 – Movie: “Cat In The Hat,” 6 PM at the Plattekill Public Library

March 2008

- Mar 2 - Community Day At Rocking Horse Ranch 11AM to 4 PM (Advanced Registration Required)
- Mar 2 to 8th - Teen Tech Week - TUNE IN @ YOUR LIBRARY
- Mar 3 - March Madness Foul Shooting Contest, 6 PM for ages 15 to 99 at Plattekill Elementary School.
- Mar 20 – Easter Read aloud for two year olds and up, 6:30 PM at the Plattekill Public Library.
- Mar 22 - Easter Egg Hunt 2 PM for children 0 to 12 years, Thomas Felten Community Park.
- Mar 27 – Movie: “Simpsons – 6th Season,” 6 PM at the Plattekill Public Library

April 2008

- Apr 26 - Saturday Softball Registration at 1 PM for youths of the ages 7 to 14 years. Thomas Felten Community Park
- Apr 26 - Great Pumpkin Seminar, 1:30 PM, Thomas Felten Community Park in Modena.
- Apr 26 - Kite Flying Day, 2 PM, Thomas Felten Community Park in Modena.

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May 2008

May 3 – Jun 14 Softball Saturdays 10 AM to Noon for ages 7 to 14 at the Thomas Felten Community Park in Modena.

May 20 - Summer Camp Registration at 6 PM for ages 8 to 14, Plattekill Town Hall.

May 25 - Tri-Town Memorial Day Parade 2 PM

June 2008

Jun 18 - Tee Ball Registration, 6 PM, Thomas Felten Community Park

Jun 30 – Aug 7 – Summer Day Camp at Plattekill Elementary School and KOA 9 AM—3 PM

Jun 25 – Aug 13 Tee Ball 6 PM Wednesdays at Thomas Felten Community Park

Regular Meetings in the Town of Plattekill

Town Board - The 1st and 3rd Wednesday each month at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall.

Town Planning Board - The 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall.

Zoning Board – The 2nd and 4th Thursday each month at 8:00 PM at the Town Hall.

Friends of the Plattekill Public Library – The 3rd Tuesday each month at 7:30 PM at the Plattekill Public Library.

Clintondale Fire Dept. Auxiliary - The 3rd Monday of the month at Clintondale Fire house at 7:30 PM. For more information contact Ron Wager at 883-7344 for more information.

Clintondale Grange – The 1st Tuesday of the month at the Community Center, covered dish dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30 PM. If you would like to become a member, or need further information contact Don Markle at (845) 339-4518.

Plattekill Grange – The 1st and 3rd Saturday at noon each month at the Grange Building, Church St. Plattekill. If you would like to become a member, or need further information contact Nat Dawes (845) 564-0728 or Jean Dawes-Childress 564-3940.

Plattekill Library Board of Trustees – The second Thursday of the month, 7 PM at the Library.

Plattekill Library Readers Book Club – The first Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM at the Library.

Plattekill Historical Society – The third Saturday of the month at 2 PM - most meetings held at the Clintondale firehouse. For further information call 883-5848.

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

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

VISIT THE TOWN OF PLATTEKILL WEB SITE AT

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

Community Notes

Holiday Donations for Veterans

The Boy Scouts of America Troop 195 and Cub Scout Pack 95 will be visiting the Castle Point VA Hospital again this holiday season. They will be bringing holiday cheer by caroling and providing gifts of socks, clothing and toiletries. Please donate to this cause by dropping off donations of the following suggested items to the Plattekill Town Hall, Our Lady of Fatima Church, Memorial United Methodist Church, or the Community Room located below the library, by December 12th: cups with lids (travel mugs), calling cards, wheel chair cup holder, portable CD players, additional headphones, music CDs of country western, big band, 30s, 40s, 50s, 60s top hits. New clothing items they are seeking include ankle socks (workman) and the following in large and extra large sizes: tee shirts, sweatshirts, sweatpants and flannel shirts. Toiletry items they are seeking include: liquid soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shaving cream, and combs. Please DO NOT bring bar soap, hard candy, mouthwash or gum. If you have questions, call Marilyn at 566-3045.

Food Pantries - Please Donate

Modena Memorial United Methodist Church asks that you remember the needy in our community this year by saving and dropping off items for holiday baskets at their church - especially needed are turkeys, stuffing, cranberry sauce, soap, toilet tissue, cooking oil, mayo, toothpaste, salad dressing and cereal.

New Day Tabernacle Food Pantry is now open Saturdays from 10 AM to 12 PM to serve the residents of the Walkkill School District. It is located at 38 Firehouse Road, Plattekill, NY.

Mount Triumphant Church of God is accepting donations of canned goods and non perishable foods for distribution to needy families. Food can be dropped off at the church, or it can be picked up if you contact them at 883-6196.

Clintondale Grange News

The Clintondale Grange had a busy fall co-sponsoring the Great Pumpkin Weigh-In with the town and doing various charitable work in the community. They delivered 80 dictionaries to Plattekill Elementary School third graders, 20 to Leptondale Christian Academy third graders and 25 more to students at St. Augustine's. They provided two Thanksgiving Dinner baskets to two local food pantries with all the fixings and continue to collect donations for the food pantries. With the holidays coming, they plan to continue their tradition of making filled Christmas stockings for children stuck in the children's ward during the holidays at a local hospital. Since 1903 the Clintondale Grange has continued to be an active community group. To join the group, contact Don Markle 339-4518.

Breakfast with Santa

The Plattekill Fire Department will be hosting a pancake breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 9th from 9 AM to 1 PM at the Plattekill Fire House. For additional information call 564-0378.

Plattekill Head Start, submitted by Mary Brady

We are really adjusting well to school! We are learning to play together, to share, to follow directions. Our parents learned how to help us "say yes to fruits and vegetables." We have awesome teachers and we love going to the Plattekill Library every month. We also are lucky to have Miss Kristin, a Music Therapy student from SUNY New Paltz, come to sing with us every week. She teaches us the greatest songs and brings really cool instruments for us to play! Remember that even in the cold weather, our muscles need to exercise. If you have a friend that is three by December 1, 2007, have them call Betsy Escanio at 564-3262.

Programs at the Plattekill Public Library, by Mary Antzak



The Library has been busy planning their holiday and spring schedule. Since this newsletter is covering the months of December through March, those are the programs listed. For more information, you can visit them on the web at <http://plattekill.lib.ny.us> or in person at the library located at 2047 State Route 32, Modena, NY 12548. Phone: 845-883-7286

December

- 20th at 5:30 PM - Have your **child's picture taken with Santa** when you make a donation to the Friends of the Plattekill Public Library. Registration required.
- 20th at 6:30 PM - "**How the Grinch Stole Christmas**" Readaloud

January

- 17th at 6:30 PM - **PENGUIN** Readaloud for 2

years old and up.

- 24th at 6 PM - Movie: "**SURF'S UP**"

February

- 9th **Defensive Driving Class** from 9 AM to 3 PM. Cost \$50; call 895-5098 to register.
- 21st at 6:30 PM - **SEUSS** Readaloud for 2 years old and up.
- 28th at 6 PM Movie: "**CAT IN THE HAT**" (Mike Myers)

March

- 2ND TO 8TH: Teen Tech Week - TUNE IN @ YOUR LIBRARY
- 20TH at 6:30 PM - **EASTER** Readaloud for 2 years old and up.
- 27th at 6 PM Movie: "**SIMPSONS – 6th Season**"

Teen Stuff

There are many awesome things for teens to do at the library, such as:

Teen Advisory Board - advises library staff as to what items/programs they'd like to have in the library. Dates and times TBA.

Video Game Time [Xbox 360 and Wii] - most Fridays at 3 PM (check the calendar on our Web site). Some games require a permission slip.

Volunteer - if you'd like to help out, we accept volunteers. Just complete a form located at the Circulation Desk. Usually volunteers come in for 2 hours once a week during the school year

and/or 4 hours once a week during the summer. You would be providing a great community service.

Book Clubs

We have **three** active book clubs. WHAT ARE THEY? 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.

Recreation Calendar January - June 2008

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.

- 01/08/08 Basketball (Ages 7-15) (PES)
- 01/15/08 Foul Shooting Contest (PES) TOPREC & Knights Of Columbus
- 01/22/08 – 2/26/08 Basketball (Ages 7-15) (PES) (Tuesdays 6-9 PM)
- 02/12/08 Adult Softball League (TH) Organizational Meeting
- 03/02/08 Community Day At Rocking Horse Ranch 11AM- 4 PM (Advanced Registration Required)
- 03/04/08 March Madness (PES) Foul Shooting Contest Ages (15-99) 6 PM
- 03/22/08 Easter Egg Hunt 2 PM (FP) (Ages 0-12)
- 04/26/08 Saturday Softball Registration (Ages 7-14)(FP) 1PM
- 04/26/08 Great Pumpkin Seminar (FP) 1:30 PM
- 04/26/08 Kite Flying Day (FP) 2 PM
- 05/03 - 06/14/08 Softball Saturdays 10 AM—Noon (FP) (Ages 7-14)
- 05/20/08 Summer Camp Registration (TH) (Ages 8-14) 6 PM
- 05/25/08 Tri-Town Memorial Day Parade 2 PM
- 06/18/08 Tee Ball Registration (FP) 6PM
- 06/30-08/07/08 Summer Camp (PES) (Koa) 9 AM—3 PM
- 06/25 - 08/13/08 Tee Ball 6 PM Wednesdays (FP)

Key To Locations: PES = Plattekill Elementary School; TH = Town Hall; FP = Felten Park.



A Store is Born

Below is a pictorial progression of the building of Hannaford Grocery Store in Modena which opened October 6, 2007.



1. Groundbreaking 1/29/07, 2. Framing 4/6/07, 3. "Coming Soon" sign is up 5/14/07, 4. Store Front at Grand Opening, 5. Supervisor Loertscher accepting check to Town, 6. Ribbon cutting on 10/6/07.

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Unless otherwise noted, call the main number for the Town of Plattekill to reach anyone listed here.

SENIOR CORNER

Bowling and Golf at the Library?

Yes, the library is offering a new program for seniors at the Senior Center/Community room. They have a *Wii* gaming device so that games like bowling and golf can be played on a large video screen. It is great fun so come and see for yourself. Library Clerk, Derek Serrano, will be hosting this *new* program for seniors on Thursdays at 3 PM, so give him a call if you'd like to come out and play. Calling to register helps the library plan for the correct number of players. Their number is 883-7286. Bring a friend!

News From The Plattekill Seniors, by Rita Acevedo

Halloween Potluck at the Club was a blast! Many members showed up in imaginative and funny costumes. One gal came with a paper bag over her head and one eyehole. "Who are you supposed to be?" someone asked. "I'm a gardening lady!" Then she tossed leaves from her pockets and swept them up! Prizes were awarded to the top three costumes and potluck dishes provided by clubbers were varied and delicious!



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Some new members have joined us. Some came to "visit" from New Paltz, Gardiner, Golden Years Seniors, and Aloha Senior club. We welcome new members and visitors and look forward to happy times ahead.

One particular couple, Stephen and Valentine Judge came from Jolly Ole' England – the UK. Recently I spoke with them and thought you would like to get to know them.

"I was just a girl of 17 when I met Stephen at a local ballroom dance I attended with friends" Valentine said. Both of them come from Lancheshire; town of Rochdale, in England. Stephen, at age 23, began to walk Valentine home after said dances. Finally, one evening Valentine invited him in to meet her family. Of course Stephen's charm, wit, and good manners won them over 1-2-3! In 1951, the young couple married at the Good Shepherd Church in Rochdale. Valentine worked as a weaver (sheets) at a mill in England when she became ill and run down. It was post-war Europe and a difficult time. *For the rest of the story, look for my next installment in the Spring Plattekill Times.*

This newsletter is a publication by the Town of Plattekill. It is produced quarterly, with winter, spring, summer, and fall editions. The spring issue will come out in early April, with the deadline for contributions on Mar. 14. Contributions are invited and should be e-mailed to Jean Poirier, Town Publicist at jeanp5@optonline.net, or delivered in writing to the Town Hall. All issues can be viewed on the town's Web site: <http://town.plattekill.ny.us>. An e-mail subscription is also available on the Web site so the newest issue can be e-mailed directly to you. Special thanks is given to Lisa Betanzos for serving as proofreader for this issue.