

The News of MENANDS ACTIVITIES

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VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

The next Village Board Meeting will be held on **Monday, October 7, 2013 at 7:00 P.M.** All meetings are open to the public and are handicap accessible.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE CHANGES

Due to the observance of Columbus Day, the **Village Office, Court & Department of Public Works will be closed on Monday, October 14th** and there will be no trash pickup. **Monday's garbage pickup will be Tuesday, October 15th and Tuesday's pickup will be Wednesday, October 16th. THERE WILL BE NO SPECIAL PICKUP ON WEDNESDAY.**

VILLAGE OF MENANDS ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held on **Thursday, October 10, 2013 at 7:00 P.M.** in the Village Municipal Building for the purpose of considering the following applications for a variance:
David Pinkham, DBA JQ Auto, 669A North Pearl Street would like to move his business from 669A North Pearl Street to B&B Auto Sales at 50 Broadway.
Justin Palma, 176 Harvard Road, Watervliet, N.Y., is seeking a variance to permit operation of a used car business at 275 Broadway, Menands.
John and Jennifer Hayes, 107 Woods Lane, are requesting a variance to construct a two-story garage on the property at 107 Woods Lane.
Such public hearings are open to the public and are accessible to the handicapped. All are encouraged to attend or to present comments in writing.

John Bassett, Chairman

MENANDS FIRE COMPANY NEWS

The next meeting of the Menands Fire Company #1 will be on **Tuesday, October 1 at 8:00 p.m.** All fire company members are invited to attend.

MENANDS FIRE COMPANY AUXILIARY NEWS

The next meeting of the Menands Fire Company Auxiliary will be on **Wednesday, October 9 at 7:00 p.m.** Mark your calendars for our life Member/Past President Lunch on **October 26 at 1:00 p.m.**

MENANDS ST. PATRICK'S CLUB

Join the Menands St. Patrick's Club for a Ham Dinner on **Friday, September 27, 2013 from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.** at the Menands Firehouse at 250 Broadway, Menands. Dinner includes ham, potatoes, corn, cole slaw, rolls, dessert and beverage. Adults \$10, Seniors \$9, Children 4-12 \$5, and 3 years and under are free. Questions? Contact Kerry Wroblewski @ 436-8839. Check us out on facebook @ Menands St. Patrick's Club for more information about our club and upcoming events!

SECOND ANNUAL FUNTASTIC FALL FESTIVAL

The Second Annual Funtastic Fall Festival will be held Saturday, **September 28, 2013 from 12 noon to 5:00 p.m.** at Ganser-Smith Memorial Park in Menands.
Due to last year's huge success, we will be offering our Cow Plop Bingo. Ticket prices will remain \$10 per square with an increase in this year's prize to \$300. Tickets may be obtained from Denise Stangle, 465-8841 or dennyland@hotmail.com or Lynda Long, 466-1625 or LALong72@gmail.com. Venders are needed. Price is \$25 per table/space. Vender questions contact Lynda Long, contact information above.
We will also have a large item raffle and surprise raffles with details to follow.
All profits will go to Derek Murphy, a 12 year old boy who has Duchennes Muscular Dystrophy. So mark your calendars and get ready to win at Cow Plop Bingo!

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Beautification
I want to extend a very special thank you to all those involved in creating the beautiful Fall display on Broadway. This project was spearheaded by our Director of Eco Dev, Bill Giering, who continues to come up with ideas to spruce up Broadway, in an effort to further attract businesses into Menands as part of his Economic Development agenda. Bill enlisted the help from our Village Gardener, Dianne MacFarland and our DPW. With donations from farmers from the Menands Farmers Market and assistance from Ralph and Hooter, an idea turned to reality. If you haven't seen the display yet, I would encourage you to take a special trip to check it out. The display is located on the island along Broadway, near True Value Hardware.

Congratulations
I would also like to congratulate Mancini's Restaurant, for the beautiful landscaping project that they recently created. It has a very inviting outdoor seating area, with a well executed design surrounding it. We are very pleased with the dedication and pride Mancini's has shown and we thank them, and all of the businesses who maintain and improve their curb appeal, for their commitment in doing business in Menands. The landscaping at Mancini's is a nice complement to our Fall display and both look great.
Some other news regarding eateries in Menands:
Poppy's Place has reopened on Saturday's and is a fun place to watch college sports, while enjoying a great lunch. Also, the Other Co. is open again on Sundays for breakfast. I recently had their Belgium waffle and it was delicious. Tuscan Pizza has completed the expansion of their shop in Mid City Shopping Plaza, allowing for additional seating and a salad bar. If short on time, don't forget about Subway, Sun Fei Chinese, Kentucky Fried Chicken and Dunkin Donuts along Broadway.

Economic Development
This week I will have an opportunity to tour Simmons Machine Tool and I look forward to seeing how their business operates. I will give an update in my next message. I truly enjoy visiting the various businesses in Menands to see how they operate and meeting their staff. For a small Village, the diversity of businesses in Menands is intriguing.
I had hoped to be able to share some news in this message on the potential for a few new businesses but plans are not far enough along yet so hopefully there will be news by my next message.

Community
On **Friday, September 27th**, the Menands St. Patrick's Club will be hosting a ham dinner at the Menands Fire House. Details are in this Newsletter. The Club will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary in 2014 and this dinner is to raise funds to help offset costs during next year's celebrations.
Please take time to stop by the Fantastic Fall Festival on **Saturday, September 28th** being held at the Menands Park. Further details are also in this Newsletter. This Festival is being coordinated by many volunteer Village residents to support the son of Menands Police Officer John Murphy. There will be things to do for everyone and a great way to spend an afternoon with your family while supporting one of our own.
Also, on **November 9th**, Menands Cares volunteers will be hosting a Military Appreciation Parade/Picnic to honor the men and women of our armed forces. Please mark your calendars and plan to come out and support our troops by watching the parade along Broadway and joining us at The Menands Farmers Market after. All veterans from the Village are invited to participate. Further details will follow.
It is events like these that make Menands such a special place to live.
Until next time,
Mayor Meg

More on the other side.....

STAR REGISTRATION PROGRAM

STAR Registration Program changes:

New legislation requires all homeowners receiving a Basic STAR exemption to register with the New York State Tax Department in order to receive the exemption in 2014 and subsequent years. You can register or receive additional information for the STAR exemption online at <http://www.tax.ny.gov/> - OR - by calling (518) 457-2036. Registration will continue through **December 31, 2013**. **Senior citizens** receiving the Enhanced STAR exemption are **not** affected by the new registration requirement. **Seniors** must, however, continue to apply annually or participate in the Income Verification Program.

(Content taken from Tax Dept. website for information purposes only. Please contact Tax Dept. with any questions and not the Village office)

2013-2014 MENANDS SCHOOL/COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The 2013-2014 Menands School/Community Calendar is available in the main office of Menands School, Village Hall, Menands Public Library and the office of Park Lane Apts. If you have a child attending Menands School, a copy of the calendar has been sent home with your child during the first week of classes.

MENANDS SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Menands School Board of Education will meet on **Monday, October 21, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.**

MENANDS SENIOR CITIZEN CLUB

On **October 8, 2013, we will leave Ganser-Smith Park at 9:45 a.m.** heading for Riverboat Ramblers Oom-pah Show at The Log Cabin, Holyoke, Ma. Everyone will receive a free bottle of wine to enjoy with a welcoming tray of cheese, crackers, celery and carrot sticks. At noon, our delicious German meal will be served. After lunch at 1:30 p.m. laugh, dance and sing along with John Banker and his Merry Men Oom-pah Band. We will return approx. 4:00 p.m. Cost \$50.

On **November 27, 2013**, the day before Thanksgiving, **we will leave Ganser-Smith Park at 8:00 a.m.** for Westchester Dinner Theater for "White Christmas." Excellent seating, delicious meal and a Broadway show performed off Broadway by Broadway performers. Return 5:00 p.m. Cost \$57. To sign up and pay for any or all of our trips, please come to our gatherings every Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 P.M. Contact person would be President Diane Leonard. \$5 dues are due for 2013.

Our monthly meetings are held the fourth Thursday of every month at 12:30 p.m. at Folmesbee Hall, next to Bethany Presbyterian Church at 21 ½ North Lyons Ave.

At our **October 24** meeting, Leonard Zapala, Menands Public Librarian will be speaking to us about the Library resources and upcoming events open and available to all at our own Library located at 4 North Lyons Avenue, right here in the Village.

PAINTING CLASS FOR SENIORS

Painting the Healing Colors of Fall on **September 7th** Professional art instructor Noreen Powell invites seniors to join her for a unique art class held in historic St. Agnes Cemetery. She will teach you how to paint autumn leaves and how to express yourself through the healing colors of Fall. Plein air painting was popular in the 19th century and Noreen's class takes us back in time. No artistic talent or experience is needed to enjoy a lovely afternoon in a beautiful, peaceful place. Paints, brushes and canvas will be provided. Coffee, tea and cookies are also included. Registration is required. \$15 To register or for more details please call Kelly at 463-0134 or email KellyAnn.Grimaldi@rcda.org

BETWEEN TWO FIRES:

American Indians in the Civil War

A lecture by Dr. Laurence M. Hauptman,
Distinguished Professor of History

Historic St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands partnered with the NYS Council for the Humanities to host this lecture on:

Saturday, October 26th 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. at The Living Room Art Gallery & Visitor Center in St. Agnes Cemetery.

At a time when American soldiers on the frontier were fighting Apaches, Cheyennes, Navajos and Sioux, at least 20,000 Native Americans served in the Union and Confederate militaries. This talk explains the reasons for the significant presence of so many Native Americans in the Civil War and recounts their contributions to combat and to regimental life.

No cost for this lecture. Reservations required as space is limited. To reserve your seat call Kelly Grimaldi at 463-0134 ext. 110 or email KellyAnn.Grimaldi@rcda.org.

MISSOULA CHILDREN'S THEATRE

The students of Menands UFSD will be performing Treasure Island on **Saturday, October 12th** at the Menands Union Free School District. The performance will be at **2 p.m.** in the gymnasium. Tickets are \$3.00/adult, \$2.00/child or \$6.00/family and are available at the door.

MENANDS PUBLIC LIBRARY'S

TUESDAY FILM FEST

PRESENTS

CLASSY BRIT: DEBORAH KERR

October 1st - Heaven Knows Mr. Allison - 1957

Directed by John Huston

During World War II, Marine Corporal Allison (Robert Mitchum) thinks he is trapped alone on a deserted island in the middle of enemy territory until he meets, also trapped, novice nun Sister Angela (Ms. Kerr).

During the making of this film, Kerr and Mitchum became the best of friends until Mitchum's death in 1997.

October 8th - An Affair To Remember - 1957

Directed by Leo McCarey

Playboy dilettante Nickie Ferrante (Gary Grant) meets Terry McKay (Ms. Kerr) on an ocean liner. So, begins this classic Romance.

All movies start at 1 p.m. For more information contact the Menands Public Library, 4 North Lyons Avenue, Menands N.Y. at 518-463-4035.

Menands Public Library New Hours

Monday and Wednesday 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Friday 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Sunday – closed

Items to be included in the next edition of the Menands Activities dated October 11, 2013 **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IN THE VILLAGE OFFICE AFTER 9 A.M. Monday, October 7, 2013.** Please indicate item is for the Menands Activities.