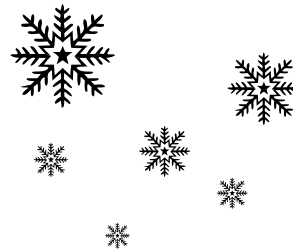


The News of MENANDS ACTIVITIES

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VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

The next Village Board Meeting will be held on **Monday, January 6, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.** All meetings are open to the public and are handicap accessible.

VILLAGE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS & SNOW REMOVAL

To provide you with the best service possible, the Department of Public Works (DPW) would like to remind everyone that your cooperation is needed during the winter months for proper plowing, salting and snow removal. If you have a driveway or an off street parking space, please use it during the winter months and especially during a snow or ice storm as vehicles parked on the street hinder plowing operations. Please do not put snow in the streets once the plows have gone through. Additionally, anything that you might have in the Village's right-of-way, such as a basketball hoop, should be moved and stored for the winter. The Village will not be responsible for damage to any items left in the Village's right-of-way.

MENANDS FIRE COMPANY NEWS

The next meeting of the Menands Fire Company #1 will be on **January 7, 2014 at 8:00 p.m.** All fire company members are invited to attend. Since the last Village Newsletter, the Menands Fire Department has answered 6 calls for assistance, 5 Fire Calls and 1 Emergency Medical Calls. This resulted in 7.5 Man-hours from our all-volunteer crew.

ASK A FIREFIGHTER:

Lisa L asks: How often should I have my chimney cleaned?
Lt. Ben Lattanzio gave us this answer: At least once a season, preferably before you use it for the first time. In addition, you should also have it inspected by a certified chimney sweep every year! Depending on the type of fuel you burn, you may have to have your chimney cleaned more than once a season. Consult a certified chimney sweep for more information. **IF YOU HAVE A FIRE IN YOUR CHIMNEY-Get out of the house and call 911! DO not try to fight the fire yourself!** If you are interested in volunteering, have a question about the Menands Fire Department or have a question for **ask a firefighter** email us at menandsfire238@gmail.com.

MENANDS FIRE CO. #1 CHICKEN PARM DINNER

On **January 10th** the Menands Fire Company will be holding a Chicken Parm Dinner starting at **5pm**. Dinners include Chicken Parm, Ziti and Sauce, Salad, Rolls, Dessert, and Drinks. Prices- **\$9** for Adults, **\$7.95** for Seniors, **\$7** for Children Eat in or Take-out! Dinner for 4- \$29.95 (Take Out Only, Advanced Orders Requested 518-470-5288)

MENANDS FIRE COMPANY AUXILIARY NEWS

The Menands Fire Company Auxiliary is looking for new members. Eligibility to join: you must be 18 years. Our main purpose is to "render assistance upon request by the Menands Fire Co. #1, Inc. and to promote good will and friendship among our neighbors." The next scheduled meeting of the Auxiliary will be **January 8, 2014 at 7:00pm**. We will be having a wine and cheese party after the meeting.

MENANDS SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Menands School Board of Education will meet on **Monday, January 13, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.**

MENANDS SCHOOL CONCERT

The students of Menands School will be performing a concert on **January 16, 2014 at 6:30 pm** in the school gym. The concert is free and open to the public. This year's concert theme is "Fun" so be ready for some toe-tapping, catchy tunes!

MENANDS PUBLIC LIBRARY

We are happy to announce that Menands Public Library will once again be presenting a **Storytime Hour**. This is a great opportunity for children to hear stories on various themes and have fun while learning. The **Storytime Hour** will be held **each Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** at the Menands Public Library. We look forward to seeing you here! For more information contact the Menands Public Library, 4 North Lyons Avenue, Menands N.Y. at 518-463-4035.

MENANDS ST. PATRICK'S CLUB

The Menands St Patrick's club was started in 1964 and this year marks the 50th anniversary of the club. We are looking for new club members to keep the tradition of the club alive. Come to one of our meetings and see what it's all about. We will be leading the Albany parade and there is a lot to do. March will be here soon! The first meeting of the Menands St. Patrick's Club will be held on **Sunday, January 12, at 12:00 noon** at the Menands Fire House.

PIZZA NIGHT

The Menands St. Patrick's Club will be having a pizza night on **January 24, 2014** at the Menands Firehouse. More details will follow in the next activities.

SWEETHEART BREAKFAST

All you can eat Sweetheart Breakfast, **Sunday, February 9 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon** at the Menands Firehouse. Eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage, corned beef hash, home fries, Irish Soda Bread, Danish, pastries, doughnuts, coffee, tea and juices are being offered. Cost: adults \$7, Seniors \$6 and children 5-12 \$5.

POM POMS

Any Menands girls (grade 5 & up) who wish to participate as Pom Pom girls in the Albany St. Patrick's Parade on March 15th are asked to call Colleen Salisbury @ 518-542-8823. Or email larrycoll@aol.com. Any grade 3 and 4 girls interested, a parent or guardian must accompany them in the parade.

MISS COLLEEN CONTEST

Any Village girl, 9th grade or older, may enter with their parent's permission. Drawing will be held at the meeting on February 10th. Miss Colleen will represent Menands in the Albany St. Patrick's Parade on March 15th and host the dinner dance held at the firehouse that evening. Please fill out the entry form below and mail to Menands St. Patrick's Club, 250 Broadway, Menands, N.Y. 12204 (or drop it off at the Village Office). **All entries must be received by 4:00 p.m. on February 6th.**

MENANDS COLLEEN ENTRY FORM

Name _____
Age/Grade _____
Address _____
Phone # _____
Parent Signature _____

2014 FATHER-DAUGHTER VALENTINE'S DANCE

The 17th Annual Father-Daughter Valentine's Dance will be held on **Saturday, February 8, 2014 from 6 – 9 pm** at Bethany Presbyterian Church (at the corner of N. Lyons and Menands Road). This is an opportunity for fathers and 'father figures' to have a special and memorable evening of fun and dancing with their daughters. Professional DJ Brian Michaels will once again provide the music. Advance reservations are \$23(per father); admission at the door is \$28. To register, please send a check for \$23 by January 31st payable to Tom Micheli at 17 South Lyons Avenue, Menands, NY 12204 along with your name and that of your daughter(s) and your contact info (address, phone, email). Free father-daughter portraits will be provided. Wrist corsages can be obtained at special pricing (\$12.50) from Laurel's Florals (formerly JH Kenny Florists) on Broadway in Watervliet (273-0972). Please call ahead of time to reserve a corsage. We're asking each family to bring a snack or dessert. Please call Melissa Mitchell (428-6364) about food or to help in the kitchen at the dance. If you can help decorate the (Friday) night before, please call Tom at 432-5675.

INCLEMENT WEATHER & SCHOOL CLOSINGS

When there is inclement weather, residents should tune to WGY, WROW or WTRY radio as well as TV channels 6, 10 and 13 for school closings or late openings. If the Menands School is opening later due to weather, all bus runs will be delayed in Menands. For example, if the Menands School is opening one hour late, then all buses transporting students outside the district will also be running one hour later. If the Menands School is closed due to weather, transportation to high schools and private schools will be at the discretion of the Superintendent. Also, when school is canceled during the day, after-school and night activities at the school are also canceled.

If parents have changed home and/or work phone numbers or emergency contacts, please contact Menands School at 465-4561 to update contact information.

MENANDS YOUTH COMMITTEE Open Gym Schedule 2013 – 2014

High School Age and Up
Thursday nights 8:00 – 10:00 p.m.

January

1/9, 1/23, 1/30

February

2/6, 2/13, 2/20

March

3/13

In the event that school is closed due to inclement weather (snow day) on a Thursday, there will be no open gym that evening.

Elementary and Middle School

Grades 4 through 8

Saturday mornings 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

There will be no open gym times during December, January or February for Elementary and Middle School.

March

3/1, 3/8, 3/15

Contact information:

Lorenz Herrmann, supervisor

Phone (518) 505-7998

Email: lherrma1@nycap.rr.com

PAINT THE WINTER BLUES AWAY

NOTE DATE CHANGE

Artists' Workshop at Historic St. Agnes Cemetery. Paint the Winter blues away with professional art instructor Noreen Powell on: **Saturday, January 18, 2014 from 1:30 – 3:30 PM.** You need not be a painter to appreciate this fun and relaxing workshop! All materials including paint, brushes and canvass will be provided. Join us for an afternoon of creative expression and paint away the blues. Stay for coffee and pie after class and talk ART! \$20 covers materials & professional instruction. Call Kelly to register: 463-0134 or email KellyAnn.Grimaldi@rcda.org.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Menands Youth Director Brianna Coughlin and her husband Dave on the birth of their daughter Hadley born December 4th. Best wishes to them all.

THANK YOU

Thank you for coming out to the youth holiday party. We hope you had a fun time! I just wanted to thank the Menands PTA for letting us borrow the BINGO supplies for the party. Special thanks to Dave LaFleur for filling in as our special guest at the last minute. We appreciated it! Thanks again.

MENANDS SENIOR CITIZEN CLUB

The next meeting of the Menands Senior Citizen Club will be on **January 23rd 2014 at 12:30 P.M.** We have gatherings every Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Folmesbee Hall, next to Bethany Presbyterian Church at 21 ½ North Lyons Ave. If Menands School is canceled due to inclement weather, the Senior gathering at Bethany is also canceled.

THE SEVEN CLUBS CABIN FEVER PARTY

The all senior citizen clubs Cabin Fever Party will be held **Thursday, February 13th, (snow date February 14th),** at the Polish American Citizens Club of Albany, 110 Commerce Avenue, Albany. Cocktail hour is 11:30 a.m., Chicken Luncheon (vegetarian option is available), will be served at 12:30 p.m. Entertainment to follow. Cabin Fever Party Tickets, which are \$20, may be purchased at our Thursday gatherings. Transportation can be arranged by calling Larry 459-6064. Our Business meetings are held every fourth Thursday of the month at 12:30 p.m.



Items to be included in the next edition of the Menands Activities dated January 17, 2014 **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IN THE VILLAGE OFFICE AFTER 9 A.M. Monday, January 13, 2014. Please indicate item is for the Menands Activities.**