

# The News of MENANDS ACTIVITIES

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## VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

The next Village Board Meetings will be held on **Monday, February 3, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. and Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>** due to the observance of Presidents' Day. All meetings are open to the public and are handicap accessible.

## HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Village Office, Village Court and D.P.W. will be closed on Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup> for Presidents' Day. Monday's trash pickup will be **Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>** and Tuesday's pick up will be on **Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**. Recycling days will remain the same. There will be **NO SPECIAL PICK UP ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19<sup>TH</sup>**.

## 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 **February 4, 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 13 calls for assistance, 12 Fire Calls and 1 Emergency Medical Calls. This resulted in 18 Man-hours from our all-volunteer crew brings our year to date total up to 26 calls. Don't forget to adopt a Hydrant!!!!

## ASK A FIREFIGHTER:

Lori M. asks: Why did the fire department come when my neighbor called for an ambulance? Lt. Ben Lattanzio replied- The Menands Fire Department does Emergency Medical (EMS) first response to assist Colonie EMS. MFD is dispatched on serious calls, such as strokes, heart attacks, choking & cardiac arrest among others. We have a number of Emergency Medical Technicians who will respond to these calls, all of whom have taken the NYS 178 hour EMT Classes and all of whom attend regular in service training. These dedicated men and women are all volunteers and last year responded to 61 calls, logging 51.45 man hours in addition to in service training. If you have a question about the Menands Fire Department, a question for ASK A FIREFIGHTER or would like information about volunteering please email us at [menandsfire238@gmail.com](mailto:menandsfire238@gmail.com)

## 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 **February 12, 2014 at 7:00 pm.** We will be making Valentines for the Fireman's home after the meeting.

## MENANDS SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Menands School Board of Education will meet on **Monday, February 10, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.**

## MENANDS SCHOOL PTA FUNDRAISER SPAGHETTI DINNER

Please join us for the Menands School PTA's Annual Spaghetti Dinner on **Wednesday, February 5, 2014 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.** at Menands School. Cost is: 12 years – Adult \$8.00, Seniors \$5, Children (3-11) \$4 and children under 3 are free. Take-out is available. Pre-sale tickets may be purchased from any Menands School student.

## MENANDS ST. PATRICK'S CLUB

The Menands St Patrick's club was started in 1964 and this year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> 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 next meeting of the Menands St. Patrick's Club will be held on **Sunday, February 9, at 12:00 noon** at the Menands Fire House.

## 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 15<sup>th</sup> are asked to come to the firehouse on **Sunday, February 9 at 11:30 a.m. to sign up** or call Colleen Salisbury @ 518-542-8823 or email [larrycoll@aol.com](mailto: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, 9<sup>th</sup> grade or older, may enter with their parent's permission. Drawing will be held at the meeting on February 9<sup>th</sup>. Miss Colleen will represent Menands in the Albany St. Patrick's Parade on March 15<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup>.**

## MENANDS MISS COLLEEN ENTRY FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age/Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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**2014 FATHER-DAUGHTER VALENTINE’S DANCE**

The 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>
<u>1/30</u>	<u>2/6, 2/13, 2/20</u>	<u>3/13</u>

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 January for Elementary and Middle School.**

<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>
<u>2/8</u>	<u>3/1, 3/8, 3/15</u>

Contact information:  
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**MENANDS JUNIOR BASEBALL & SOFTBALL LEAGUE**

Registration is now open online for the 2014 Season. To register or for more information, please visit our website [www.menandsbaseballsoftball.org](http://www.menandsbaseballsoftball.org)

The League will also offer in person registration on the following dates at Menands School: 1/18/14, 1/25/14 AND 2/8/14 from 9 – 12 P.M.

We expect rosters to fill up quick, register today!

**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 Public Library’s**

**Spring Film Festival Presents**

**Humphrey Bogart (Hollywood’s Tough Guy)**

**All movies start at 1 P.M.**

**February 11, 2014 - The Roaring Twenties – 1939**

**Directed by Raoul Walsh**

Eddie Barlett (Jimmy Cagney) and George Hally (Bogart) are “bootlegging” partners during Prohibition. A typical Bogart gangster role.

**February 18, 2014 - The Maltese Falcon - 1941**

**Directed by John Huston**

The search for the “Black Bird”. This adaptation by director Huston of Dashiell Hammett’s novel will make Bogart a “star” and create the ground work for his legend. The cast includes Mary Astor, Sidney Greenstreet, Peter Lorre and Elisha Cook, Jr.

**TIRED OF COLD, GRAY WINTER DAYS?**

**PAINT THE SKY! A LESSON IN LIGHT AND COLOR**

**BY ARTIST NOREEN POWELL**

Learn to use paint to create your own version of a beautiful sky. Professional art instructor Noreen Powell will teach you how to create something you can be proud of! No experience is needed. Canvas, paints and brushes will be provided or you may bring your own if you prefer. Join us on Saturday, **February 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1:30 – 3:30** in The Living Room Art Gallery and Visitor Center Located in Historic St. Agnes Cemetery, 48 Cemetery Avenue, Menands, NY. Learn to paint in a warm, stress-free environment where the emphasis is on fun and relaxation. \$20 includes professional instruction and materials. Registration is required as space is limited. Call Kelly at 463-0134 ext. 110 or email [KellyAnn.Grimaldi@rcda.org](mailto:KellyAnn.Grimaldi@rcda.org) to reserve your seat. (Visa and Mastercard accepted)

**MENANDS SENIOR CITIZEN CLUB**

The next meeting of the Menands Senior Citizen Club will be on **February 27<sup>th</sup> 2014 at 12:30 P.M.** Mr. Kevin Franklin, Town of Colonie, Historian, will give a presentation on Albany International, formerly, Albany Felt Company. 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 13<sup>th</sup>, (snow date February 14<sup>th</sup>)**, 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 February 14, 2014 **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IN THE VILLAGE OFFICE AFTER 9 A.M. Monday, February 10, 2014. Please indicate item is for the Menands Activities.**