

The News of MENANDS ACTIVITIES

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VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

The next Village Board Meeting will be held on **Monday, September 19, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.** All meetings are held at 250 Broadway in Menands and are open to the public and are handicap accessible.

EMERGENCY ALERT PROGRAM

Please be advised that we are asking our residents to sign up for the "Everbridge Emergency Alert System". Get alerted about emergencies and other important community news that will help us to quickly provide you with critical information such as severe weather, water main breaks, unexpected road closures, Menands School closures and Senior events, and much more. You will receive time-sensitive messages wherever you specify, such as your home, mobile or business phones, email address, text messages and more. You pick where and how you want the message sent to you. This can be easily found on the villageofmenands.com website. "Everbridge" is on the left hand side of the home page. Just click, set up your account, and fill in the required contact information. If you do not have a computer, call the Village Office at 434-2922 and they will be able to set you up for notification on your regular phone or cell phone number.

ADOPT A FERN

The village has 5 large Boston Ferns that I have to recycle/compost at the end of the growing season. If anyone is interested in "adopting" one, please call Dianne at 253-4925 or email me at macfarland@lbdc.state.ny.us. These are currently hanging at the Ganser Smith Park Baseball Concession Stand and will be coming down in a few weeks as the cold weather approaches. I have no place to overwinter them and will be starting with smaller plants again next spring. They are currently in moss lined wrought iron hanging baskets. The wrought iron containers get re-used each year by the village, so one would need an 18 to 20 inch container to put the moss lined plant in.

MENANDS FIRE CO. #1, INC.

The next meeting of the Menands Fire Company #1 will be held on **October 4, 2016, at 8:00 PM** at the Firehouse. All members are encouraged to attend.

MENANDS FIRE CO. #1, INC. AUXILIARY

The next meeting of the Menands Fire Co. #1 Auxiliary will be at 6:30 PM on **October 12, 2016** at the Village Hall located at 250 Broadway, Menands.

FAMILY FUN DAY

The family fun day, scheduled for September 18th has been cancelled. Hope to see you at the Funtastic Fall Festival on October 1st.

SAVE THE DATE

The 4th Funtastic Fall Festival to benefit Derek Murphy will be **Saturday, October 1st** in Ganser Smith Park. Have ideas? Want to be a vendor? Want to donate? Call Lynda Long at 466-1625 or Denise Stangle at 465-8841 for information. Or like us on Facebook for updated information.

MENANDS SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Menands School Board of Education will meet on **Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.**

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Menands School is collecting box tops! Look for the "Box Tops" logo and clip it! Please make sure the expiration date is intact. Box Tops can be dropped off at Menands School in the lobby. There is a collection bin labeled "Box Tops". They can also be mailed to Menands School c/o Jennifer Cannavo, 19 Wards Lane Menands, New York 12204.

Thank you for your support!

MENANDS SENIOR CITIZEN CLUB

Our September 22nd meeting will be on September 29, 2016 instead as many of our officers and members will be away on the Niagara Falls-Canada Trip. There will still be a gathering however on September 22nd from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There will be a clinic at our September 29, 2016 meeting, Rite Aid from Menands will be there to administer flu shots. Please let us know, if you would like to take advantage of this great service. It is free; just bring your insurance card. We are located at 21 North Lyons Avenue in Bethany Presbyterian Hall.

Trips:

On October 4, 2016, we will leave at 7:00 a.m. for the Salem Witch Museum in Salem, MA. The museum presentation will take 75 minutes. We will stop for lunch at Finz Seafood Restaurant. After lunch we will take a scenic bus ride along the seashore via Gloucester and Rockport, MA. Cost \$40/\$50.
On November 9, 2016 we will return to the Westchester Broadway Dinner Theatre to see "Saturday Night Fever" featuring vibrant choreography and everlasting hits of the Bee Gee's. Cost of Trip \$57/\$67.

Please reserve for our trips as early as possible to ensure seating. Money is not needed until 30 days before the actual trip date. But, of course, if you need to cancel, let us know immediately.

HISTORIC ST. AGNES CEMETERY

Friday Paint Club Fall 2016

Friday Paint Club will meet from 10 AM – Noon in The Living Room Art Gallery on the dates listed below. Class size is limited and themes vary. Price per class is \$20 for 8 x 10 canvas and \$25 for 11 x 14 canvas. Paints, brushes and two hours of professional instruction are included. Friday Paint Club is perfect for aspiring artists looking for structured classes with emphasis on color values, perspective, line and composition techniques using acrylic paints on stretched canvas. It is also perfect for beginners because classes are small, relaxed and fun! Coffee, juices and bakery goods from the famed Schuyler Bakery, Watervliet are provided. No prior experience is necessary. Painting is very therapeutic! Each class features a different subject, theme or style of a famous artist. Paint club participants put their own spin and apply their own style to whatever it is the instructor presents. You have full creative control over your own canvas. Call Kelly at 463-0134 or email KellyAnn.Grimaldi@rcda.org to register.

Oct. 7 - Flowers in a Tree Trunk

Oct. 21 - Angel in the Fog

Oct. 28 - Beautiful Gate

Nov. 4 - Colorful Clouds

Nov. 18 - Night Sky

Dec. 9 - Karner Blue Butterfly

Dec. 16 - Red Wing Blackbird in the Reeds

We also have:

More on the other side.....

HISTORIC ST. AGES CEMETERY (continued)

A History of American Cemeteries

If you have ever walked through a cemetery just for the sheer enjoyment of art and nature; if you think graveyards are something for the living to enjoy, then this course is for you. Art, often of museum quality, is found in many cemeteries. The wonderful visual pleasures left by people from the Victorian era to present as they have decorated for the dead are subjects of this class. We will also cover the cultural, social and practical influences that inform what you see in a cemetery. The course is meant to educate but not without a really fun and interesting element! Our instructor, Frank Calidonna is also an accomplished photographer of cemetery art. His work will be on exhibit in The Living Room Art Gallery where the lectures will be held. This five part series includes guided tour of St. Agnes Cemetery with focus on artistic conventions in funerary art over the past 150 year.

10:30 - Noon on Tuesday, Sept 20, 27, Oct. 4, 11 (tour) & 18 (rain date for tour is Oct. 18) Price of \$55 includes coffee, tea, fresh bakery goods. Call Kelly at 463-0134 or to register, email KellyAnn.Grimaldi@rcdea.org

Items to be included in the next edition of the Menands Activities dated September 30, 2016 **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IN THE VILLAGE OFFICE AFTER 9 A.M. Monday, September 26, 2016. Please indicate item is for the Menands Activities.**

Story Time - Story Time is held at 1:30 p.m. every Thursday afternoon (before the Library opens) and at 1:00 p.m. every other Saturday.

Our Homework Help group meets on Thursdays at 4:00 p.m. Starting in **September, every Wednesday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.** is Tech Advice Night at the library with our resident digital native, Ted. Can' figure out how to set up your new phone? Want to know what's using up your data plan? Don't know how to get your pictures onto your computer? Appointments not necessary, but recommended – just call the library to make one.

On Saturday, October 29 from 11a.m. to 1 p.m., we will be hosting a “How to Make Rangoli” program and a Halloween costume contest. Rangoli are special designs made with powder that people traditionally make for the Hindu holiday Diwali. Diwali takes place in the autumn and this year it falls on the 30th of October, almost the same day as Halloween. Come in costume (if you want) and learn to make Rangoli! There will be prizes for the best costume at the end of the day.

Menands Public Library's Fall Film Festival Presents

Happy 100th! Olivia De Havilland!

On July 1 Ms de Havilland turned 100 years old and She is alive and well and living in Paris!
September 20th - Robin Hood - 1938

Directed by Keighley & Curtiz

You know the story. Robin Hood (Errol Flynn) and Maid Marian (Ms de Havilland) vs. Sir Guy (Basil Rathbone) and Prince John (Claude Rains). The third of nine films de Havilland and Flynn would make together.

September 27th - Strawberry Blonde - 1941

Directed by Raoul Walsh

Biff (James Cagney) is in love with strawberry blonde Virginia (Rita Hayworth), but Hugo (Jack Carson) wins her heart while Amy (Ms de Havilland) waits for Biff to realize she's the one for him.

The Menands Public Library is located at 4 N. Lyons Avenue, Menands, New York. For more info. call 518-463-4035.