

The News of MENANDS ACTIVITIES

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VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

The next Village Board Meeting will be held on **Monday, February 6, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.** All meetings are held at 250 Broadway in Menands and are open to the public and handicap accessible.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM THE MENANDS POLICE DEPARTMENT

As a result of recent juvenile arrests by the police, Chief O'Brien reminds residents to always lock their car doors and on vehicles equipped with alarms to keep them activated when leaving vehicles unattended. Recently during the overnight hours some resident's vehicles were entered and money and other items were stolen. In these instances all vehicles were left unlocked. Do not leave any valuables visible in the interior, place them in the trunk or bring them inside the residence. Where available use residential exterior lighting as a further deterrence. As always immediately report any suspicious activity to the Police Department for further investigation by Officers.

PRESENTATION ON INTERNET SAFETY & YOUR CHILD

On **January 24, 2017**, Detective Chris Smith will present to parents and Menands Community members on how to keep your child safe while they surf the web and social media. The presentation will include live on-screen simulation. Detective Smith will speak at the **Menands Sch. Library at 6:30 p.m.**

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING YOUR DOG

Chief O'Brien reminds residents that all dogs are to be leashed at all times when off the owner's property and under control of the owner/handler. Complaints have been received regarding dogs running loose in the Village recently. All dogs found running loose are caught and turned over to the Town of Colonie Animal Control Officer and there is a fee collected for return of the animal. Also a reminder that owners are responsible to pick up dog droppings left by their pets in accordance with the existing Village Ordinance.

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. In the event that a snow emergency is declared, details will be provided to local news stations, on the Village website and through our emergency alert system.

MENANDS FIRE CO. #1, INC.

The next meeting of the Menands Fire Company #1 will be

held on **February 7, 2017, at 8:00 PM** at the Firehouse. All members are encouraged to attend.

Be a Hydrant Hero!

Help us Help you and adopt a hydrant! If you see a hydrant covered in snow, and you are able to clear it out, it would be much appreciated! Your 10 minutes today will save us precious minutes during an emergency!

MENANDS FIRE CO. #1, INC. AUXILIARY

The next meeting of the Menands Fire Co. #1 Auxiliary will be at 6:30 PM on **February 8, 2017** at the Village Hall.

MENANDS SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Menands School Board of Education will meet on **Monday, February 13, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.**

2017 FATHER-DAUGHTER VALENTINE'S DANCE

The 21th Annual Father-Daughter Valentine's Dance will be held on **Saturday, February 4, 2017 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 (300-7649) 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.

MENANDS ST. PATRICK'S CLUB

The Menands St. Patrick's Club was started in 1964 and this year marks the 53rd 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.

The first meeting of the Menands St. Patrick's Club will be held on **Sunday, January 22, 2017 at 12 noon** at the Menands Village Hall, 250 Broadway, Menands.

SWEETHEART BREAKFAST

All you can eat Sweetheart Breakfast, **Sunday, February 12, 2017 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon** at the Menands Village Hall. Eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage, corned beef hash, home fries, Irish Soda Bread, Danish, pastries, doughnuts, coffee, tea and juices are being offered. Cost: Adults \$8, Seniors \$7 and children 5-12 \$6.

MISS COLLEEN CONTEST

Any Village girl, 9th grade or older, may enter with their parent's permission. Miss Colleen will represent Menands in the Albany St. Patrick's Parade on March 11th and host the dinner dance held at the Village Hall 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 January 21st. (NOTE DATE CHANGE)**

MENANDS MISS COLLEEN ENTRY FORM

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

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MENANDS SENIOR CITIZEN CLUB

Your 2017 dues must be paid by January 31, 2017. PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES, WE NEED YOU. The Senior fiscal year runs from January 1 to December 31. Menands Senior dues are \$5.00. Snowbirds must pay their dues by the deadline also. Please make your check out to the Menands Senior Citizen Club. You can send your dues to Debbie Teitsch, 3 Cornell Drive, Menands, N.Y. 12204 or stop in any Thursday gathering. Be sure you receive a **yellow** Membership Card for 2017. For more information contact Diane Leonard at 465-3771.

MENANDS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Story Time - Story Time is held at 10:30 a.m. every Thursday

Our Homework Help group meets on Thurs. at 4:00 p.m.

On every Wednesday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. is Tech Advice Night at the library with our resident digital native, Ted. Can't 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.

Spring Film Festival Presents Tom Hanks

All movies start at 1 p.m.

February 14th - Splash - 1984

Directed by Ron Howard

Allen Bauer (Mr. Hanks), as a child, is saved from drowning by a mermaid. Allen always thought the mermaid was just a product of his imagination. That is until, years later, the same mermaid (Daryl Hannah), saves his life again.

With Eugene Levy and John Candy

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

MENANDS YOUTH COMMITTEE

OPEN GYM SCHEDULE

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

Feb. 2 and Feb. 23 and March 2 and March 9

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 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

January 21 and March 4 and March 11

There will be no open gym sessions during the month of February. Contact information: Lorenz Herrmann, supervisor Phone (518) 505-7998 Email: lherrma1@nycap.rr.com

MENANDS SCHOOL MULTICULTURAL CELEBRATION

Please join us on **March 23, 2017** to celebrate the many cultures represented at Menands School. We are looking for families to reserve a table to display items and/or food from their culture. We are also looking for 2-3 minute performances that will showcase your culture. We would love for all cultures to be represented!

If you would like to participate, please email Jennifer

Wilson by January 20th 2017: jenrev95@yahoo.com

Please let us know what you would like to do, your child's name and a way to contact you.

We also appreciate any help with set up and clean up.

HISTORIC ST. AGNES CEMETERY

Historic St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands is offering a DVD for sale called Graveside Chats. The chats bring the stories of the dead alive through educational and entertaining scenes acted out by members of the Albany Civic Theater. Meet the little drummer boy who served the entire Civil War, listen to 105 year old Mrs. Coleman as she talks about her life as an Irish immigrant in 19th century Albany, watch as people once enslaved by the Schuyler Family deal with the death of yet another one of their children, listen to one of the richest men in the world talk about what is really important ... the list goes on! This film is just a little over an hour long and is intended as a history lesson with an entertaining twist.

HISTORIC ST. AGNES CEMETERY (continued)

Supplies are limited so if you love history and old cemeteries stop by and see historian Kelly Grimaldi at St. Agnes Cemetery, 48 Cemetery Avenue, Menands for your copy. Price \$20.

Painting the Winter Blues Away
at Historic St. Agnes Cemetery

We are now accepting reservations for our winter painting classes held in The Living Room Art Gallery located in St. Agnes Cemetery's Visitors Center. Two hour professionally guided classes are perfect for beginners and intermediate painters. Paints, brushes and canvas are provided in the class fee of \$20 for an 8 by 10 inch canvas or \$25 for an 11 by 14 inch canvas. Coffee and baked goods from the famed Schuyler Bakery are also included. Paint Classes are a fun way to get through the cold winter! All classes start at 10 AM and end at noon. Pre-registration is required. Call Kelly Grimaldi at 463-0134 ext 110 or email KellyAnn.Grimaldi@rcda.org.

January 27 – 10 AM – Noon: Squirrel in an Oak Tree

See Hudson Valley Community College's credit free course booklet for February painting classes held in The Living Room Art Gallery

March 10 - 10 AM – Noon: Daffodils Defying Winter

March 24 - 10 AM – Noon: Pair of Sheep in a Clover Field

March 31 - 10 AM – Noon: Tulips in a Bunch

MENANDS UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

BUDGET CALENDAR

2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR

December 12, 2016	Present Draft 2016-2017 Budget Calendar
January 9, 2017	Tax Cap-Calculations with Current Information, Discuss Parameters, Updates /Projections
February 13, 2017	Overview Instructional Program, Tax Cap- If Applicable
February 27, 2017	Overview, Transportation, Employee Benefits, Debt Service, All Other Tax Cap Update
March 1, 2017	Submit 2017-2018 Calculation for Tax Levy limit to the Office of the State Comptroller, Tax and Finance & SED
March 13, 2017	Overall Review of Spending Plan
April 3, 2017	Prepare Legal Notice of School Budget Hearing and Budget Vote (First of 4 Notices)
April 2017	Prepare Absentee Ballot Applications and related material

April 10, 2017	Final Budget Presentation and Adopt Budget
April 24, 2017	Submit Property Tax Report Card to SED
May 2017	Budget Documents to Public
May 8, 2017	Budget Hearing and Budget Notice Mailed
May 16, 2017	Budget Vote

Highlighted dates may require additional scheduled Budget Workshop Meetings if necessary. Any dates and content are subject to change based on information available.

Items to be included in the next edition of the Menands Activities dated February 3, 2017 **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IN THE VILLAGE OFFICE AFTER 9 A.M. Monday, January 30, 2017. Please indicate item is for the Menands Activities.**