

The News of MENANDS ACTIVITIES

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VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

The next Village Board Meeting will be held on **Monday, December 5, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.** All meetings are held at 250 Broadway in Menands and are open to the public and handicap accessible.

“SLOW DOWN TO GET AROUND” LAW”

Protects Sanitation Workers

Gov. Cuomo recently signed into legislation to add sanitation and recycling vehicles to the state’s “Move Over” law. Under the new law, motorists must move over and slow down to an appropriate speed when passing refuse trucks, giving the same treatment as vehicles with flashing red/blue or amber lights that were already covered under the law. Sanitation is among the most dangerous work that public employees perform. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics in 2014, sanitation workers had a fatality rate of 33 per 100,000 workers, the fifth most fatal occupation that year.

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.

ATTENTION

**THERE WILL BE NO SPECIAL PICK-UP ON
DECEMBER 7, 2016.**

LEAF MACHINE

Now and until weather permitting, the DPW will pick up leaves that are raked on the edge of the road/street (**DPW cannot pickup leaves that are not on the street**). Mulched leaves and grass should be bagged. Branches, limbs, etc should be cut in 3 ft. lengths. We do **not** accept any dirt in the biodegradable bags. **Please remember that it takes DPW approximately two weeks** to go thru the Village depending on the amount of leaves at the side of the road. **When placing your leaves out front, do not block or place your leaves in the Storm Drain.**

HOLIDAY OFFICES SCHEDULE

The Village office, court and D.P.W. will be closed on Monday, December 26, 2016 and Monday, January 2, 2017 due to the Holidays.

HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE

Monday’s trash on December 26, 2016 and January 2, 2017 will be on Tuesday, December 27, 2016 and Tuesday, January 3, 2017. Tuesday’s trash will be on Wednesday, December

28, 2016 and Wednesday, January 4, 2017. There will be no special pick-up on Wednesday on December 28, 2016 and Wednesday January 4, 2017. Recycling will be the regular schedule on these weeks.

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 Aileen Nicoll at 465-4561 and she will be able to set you up for notification on your regular phone or cell phone number.

MENANDS FIRE CO. #1, INC.

The next meeting of the Menands Fire Company #1 will be held on **December 6, 2016, at 8:00 PM** at the Firehouse. All members are encouraged to attend.

The Menands Fire Co, Inc. will hold the annual Christmas Party on **December 10 at 6:00 p.m.** at the Village Hall. All members of the Fire Company and Auxiliary are invited. A sign-up sheet is in the lounge. Deadline is December 3.

MENANDS FIRE CO. #1, INC. AUXILIARY

The next meeting of the Menands Fire Co. #1 Auxiliary will be at 6:30 PM on **December 14, 2016** at the Village Hall located at 250 Broadway, Menands. Following the meeting we will have our annual cookie exchange.

ALBANY EVENING GARDEN CLUB

The Albany Evening Garden Club will meet at the Menands Village Hall on **December 6 from 1 – 3 p.m.** to do Christmas center pieces. Please bring clippers, any greens and 2-3 dozen cookies for the cookie exchange.

YOUTH HOLIDAY PARTY FIELD TRIP!!

Join us on Santa’s Magical Express on **December 2 at 4:30-8:15 p.m.** Meet us at the park for the bus ride over to Yankee Trails. Families are welcome to join us or send the kids with the counselors for a few hours. Hop on a double-decker bus for a ride to see the beautiful lights while traveling to Santa’s workshop, write a letter to Santa and sing and dance with the elves. Adults: \$29 and \$24 for kids. Price includes: transportation, pictures with Santa, Santa Hat decorating and a Sleigh bell.

Please reserve your spot as soon as possible by bringing money and the permission slip down below to the Village Office. If you have questions, please contact Brianna

Coughlin @ 469-7726.

I give my permission for my child, _____ age _____
to attend the Santa's Magical Express field trip.
Name: _____ Phone # _____
of adults _____ # of kids _____ * adults do not have to
go, but are welcome to join us!
Guardian Signature: _____

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NYS STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD PROGRAM

The New York State Archives has announced their Student Research Award program for the year 2017. All research must use actual historical records (primary resource materials) including photographs, diaries, letters, maps, etc. Both individual and group entries are welcome. Three awards for students in grades 4-5, 6-8, and 9-12 will be presented. Here is the link for additional information, guidelines, and an official entry form:
http://www.archives.nysed.gov/grants/grants_student_sraguidelines.shtml

MENANDS SENIOR CITIZEN CLUB

First and foremost, we want to thank all the nonagenarians who attended our 1st annual KFC lunch. There were 13 who came. They were so busy socializing and enjoying the opportunity to see their friends and neighbors. A good time was had by all.

Christmas Party will be held on **Sunday, December 4, 2016** at the Village Hall. Bob Schantz once again will prepare the dinner. Reservations with your meal choice of either Roast Pork or Roast Turkey are appreciated. Music is by our favorite entertainer, Paul Slusar. Cost \$15.

On December 5, 2016, we will be going to the Westchester Dinner Theater to see "Let's Hang On, " Tribute to Frankie Valli". Lead singer of the Four Seasons. Hits like, ""Big Girls Don't Cry," "Sherry," "Walk Like A Man," Can't Take My Eyes Off Of You," and many more. Cost of Trip with Dinner and a Show is \$57/\$67.

On December 20, 2016, we will be going to Il Faro Restaurant for a delicious Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner at 4 p.m. with a trip following to Washington Park for the Christmas Lights. Cost \$25/\$35.

WEEKLY LOCAL PRODUCE DELIVERY

Menands School is now a Field Goods pick-up location for locally grown fruit and vegetables, with deliveries every Thursday. Field Goods is a year-round local produce delivery service; customers receive 5-8 different fruit and vegetables (depending on bag size), plus optional add-ons. Bags cost \$15 to \$30 per week, and can be put on hold at any time. It's flexible! Field Goods purchases everything directly from over 80 small farms in the region. All of the produce is non-GMO, and most is organically grown. This is a PTA fundraiser; \$1 per bag goes to benefit the Menands School PTA.

TO SIGN UP:

- 1. Go to Field-Goods.com
- 2. Click "Order Now"
- 3. Select "Private Locations" and enter "Menands"
- 4. Click the "Find Location" button
- 5. Choose "Menands School Fundraiser" and follow the prompts.

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.

Dec. 9 - Karner Blue Butterfly

Dec. 16 - Red Wing Blackbird in the Reeds

MENANDS SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Menands School Board of Education will meet on **Monday, December 12, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.**

MENANDS PUBLIC LIBRARY

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 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.

The 2017 edition of the world renowned Menands Public Library Pocket Calendar is here at last! Supplies are limited. That means only one calendar per card holder. Hurry to get yours while supplies last!

NOURISH YOUR NEIGHBOR

A HEALTHY FOOD DRIVE INITIATIVE

In conjunction with CAPITAL REGION EAT SMART NEW YORK PROGRAM, the Menands Public Library is participating in the NOURISH YOUR NEIGHBOR food drive. This food drive differs from others in that the library will be collecting "healthy" food stuffs. Such things as dried fruit, low sodium canned items, rolled oats, whole grain pasta, etc. The library will be a collection center for these healthy items and then send them on to local food pantries. We will be a collection center until New Years.

Please do not leave food stuffs outside in front of the library when it is closed. Drop off your donation during library hours. For more information, please feel free to call the library at 518-463-4035.

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

DANCE! DANCE DANCE

Menands School PTA will be hosting a school dance for Grades K-5 on **Friday, December 9th from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.** The dance will be held in the school gym and will feature professional DJ Todd Moffre, whose unique and energetic approach will have the kids (and adults!) moving and dancing throughout the evening. Cost is \$5 for single student and \$8 for family (2 or more students in Grade K-5) Payment will be collected at the door. Only K-5 Menands School students are allowed to attend this event. Your child must be accompanied and supervised by a responsible ADULT throughout the duration of the dance. Comfortable, non-restrictive clothing and sneakers should be worn. Formal attire is not

necessary. Refreshments provided by Menands School PTA.

Items to be included in the next edition of the Menands Activities dated December 9, 2016 **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IN THE VILLAGE OFFICE AFTER 9 A.M. Monday, December 5, 2016. Please indicate item is for the Menands Activities.**