

# The News of MENANDS ACTIVITIES

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## VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

The next Village Board Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.** due to the Holiday. All meetings are held at 250 Broadway in Menands and are open to the public and handicap accessible.

## 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 the following Wednesdays: December 28, 2016, January 4, 2017, January 11, 2017 and January 18, 2017. Recycling will be the regular schedule on these weeks.

## AWARD RECOGNITION

Chief O'Brien advises on December 8, 2016, he and Mayor Grenier along with Sgt. R. St. Gelais attended the annual Albany County Stop DWI Awards ceremony at Wolferts Roost Country Club. At the ceremony Officer P.J. Stone was given the Guy Barringer Award recognizing his dedication to traffic safety and in particular his enforcement of driving while intoxicated crimes. Officer Stone in 2016 to date arrested 55 people for driving while intoxicated in the Village of Menands. Congratulations to Officer Stone and thank you for your efforts on behalf of the residents and the Police Department.

## "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.

## 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 **January 3, 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 **January 11, 2017** at the Village Hall.

## HAM DINNER

The Menands Fire Company Auxiliary will be holding a Ham Dinner on **Friday, January 13, 2017 from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.** at the Menands Firehouse at 250 Broadway, Menands. Dinner includes ham, potatoes, corn, cole slaw, rolls, dessert and beverage. Adults \$10, Seniors \$9, Children 4-12 \$5, and 3 years and under are free. We are asking people to bring donations for the Hudson Mohawk Humane Society in Menands and a portion of the proceeds will be given to them as well. Questions? Contact Kerry Wroblewski @ 436-8839.

## MENANDS ST. PATRICK'S CLUB

The Menands St. Patrick's Club was started in 1964 and this year marks the 53<sup>rd</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. The first meeting of the Menands St. Patrick's Club will be held on **Sunday, January 8, 2017 at 12 noon** at the Menands Village Hall.

## 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.

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### MENANDS SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Menands School Board of Education will meet on **Monday, January 9, 2017 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

**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 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.

**On Tuesday, December 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.,** Menands library will be holding a Mystery Box Escape event for families. Look for clues in the library to solve the mystery of the locked box!

**On Thursday, December 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.,** Menands library will be hosting a "Take it Apart" night. Got a toy or old electronic device you want to take apart and see what's inside? We'll provide the tools and the know-how, you provide the curiosity! We'll recycle the bits when you're done.

**On Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.,** we'll be having Guitar Hero Karaoke! Come on in and sing, drum and strum your brains out on the Wii edition of Guitar Hero world tour. 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.

### MENANDS YOUTH COMMITTEE OPEN GYM

#### SCHEDULE 2016-2017

#### High School Age and Up

Thursday nights 8:00 – 10:00 p.m.

<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>
1/12, 1/19	2/2, 2/23	3/2, 3/9

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

<u>January</u>	<u>March</u>
1/21	3/4, 3/11

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

### 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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. 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 reservation 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](mailto:KellyAnn.Grimaldi@rcda.org).

**January 13 – 10 AM – Noon: Hawks Over Thatcher Park**

**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**

Items to be included in the next edition of the Menands Activities dated January 6, 2017 **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IN THE VILLAGE OFFICE AFTER 9 A.M. Tuesday, January 3, 2017. Please indicate item is for the Menands Activities.**