

# The News of MENANDS ACTIVITIES

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## VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

The next Village Board Meeting will be held on **Monday, December 19, 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.

## 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 or Wednesday January 4, 2017. Recycling will be the regular schedule on these weeks.

## YOUTH INFORMATION

The Youth Holiday field trip was canceled due to lack of participation. Unfortunately, that was our scheduled Holiday Event. We hope everyone has a Happy Holiday.

## FILL THE MAYFLOWER FOOD DRIVE

Menands Cares and Clark Moving and Storage would like to thank the entire Menands Community for their generous support of the 2016 Fill the Mayflower Food Drive. We collected over 50 boxes of food and over \$500.00 in cash donations. Your donations helped food pantries in Menands/Loudonville, Watervliet, Cohoes, Latham, Guilderland and Albany. Thank you for helping make the Holidays brighter for those who are truly in need.

## 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](http://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 **January 3, 2017, 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 **December 14, 2016** at the Village Hall. Following the meeting we will have our annual cookie and Grab Bag Exchange. Please bring a \$10.00 wrapped gift and 2 dozen cookies to participate.

## MENANDS ST PATRICK’S CLUB

Once again, the Menands St. Patrick’s Club is offering 9 different kinds of pies baked by Schuyler Bakery for only \$9 each for the Holidays. Choices are: Apple, Pumpkin, Blueberry, Raspberry, Peach, Cherry Crumb, Apple Crumb, Strawberry-Rhubarb and Custard. **Orders need to be placed by December 16 along with payment to the Menands St. Patrick’s Club, 250 Broadway, Menands, N.Y. 12204.** Pies can be picked up on December 23 from 4 – 5 p.m. at the Menands Village Hall at 250 Broadway, Menands. Any questions call Kerry Wroblewski @ 518-522-7064 or Meg Grenier @ 518-463-5196.

### 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](http://www.archives.nysed.gov/grants/grants_student_sraguidelines.shtml)

### 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.

### MENANDS SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Menands School Board of Education will meet on **Monday, December 12, 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!

### 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@reda.org](mailto:KellyAnn.Grimaldi@reda.org) to register.

**Dec. 16 - Red Wing Blackbird in the Reeds**

### MENANDS SENIOR CITIZEN CLUB

**On December 20, 2016**, we will be going to Il Faro Restaurant for a delicious Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner with a trip following to Washington Park for the Christmas Lights. Bus leaves at 4:30. Dinner at 5:00 p.m. Cost

\$25/\$35.

**Your 2017 dues must be paid by January 31, 2017** 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. 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.

### MENANDS PUBLIC LIBRARY (continued)

**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>December</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>
12/15	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>December</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>March</u>
12/10	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: lherrma1@nycap.rr.com

Items to be included in the next edition of the Menands Activities dated December 23, 2016 **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IN THE VILLAGE OFFICE AFTER 9 A.M. Monday, December 19, 2016. Please indicate item is for the Menands Activities.**