

The News of MENANDS ACTIVITIES

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VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

The next Village Board Meeting will be held on **Monday, June 5, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.** All meetings are held at 250 Broadway in Menands and are open to the public and are handicap accessible.

MENANDS VILLAGE OFFICE HAS MOVED

May 22, 2017, The Village Office moved to 280 Broadway, The old Key Bank building

VILLAGE OFFICES

The Village Office, the Court and the DPW will be closed on **Monday, May 29th** due to the observance of Memorial Day.

TRASH SCHEDULE

There will be no trash pickup on Monday, **May 29th**. Monday's pick up will be on Tuesday, **May 30th** and Tuesday's pick up will be on Wednesday, **May 31st**. **THERE WILL BE NO SPECIAL PICK UP ON WEDNESDAY.**

VILLAGE ELECTION INFORMATION

Saturday, June 10, 2017 Registration Day Hours **12 Noon until 5 p.m.** in Lobby of the Firehouse.

Tuesday, June 20, 2017 The Village Elections will be held on the truck floor of the Firehouse from **Noon to 9:00 p.m.** at the firehouse. The positions open are 2 Trustees and 1 Village Justice.

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held on **Tuesday, May 30, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.** in the Village Municipal Building for the purpose of continuing consideration of the following application for three (3) area variances:

Joseph and Barbara DeVivo, owners of the property at 5 Elmwood Road, are requesting three (3) area variances to allow construction of an eighty (80) unit apartment complex along NYS Route 378. The proposal would include four 20 unit buildings on the site.

Such public hearings are open to the public and are accessible to the handicapped. All are encouraged to attend or to present comments in writing.

John Bassett, Chairman, Zoning Board of Appeals

MENANDS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief O'Brien reminds residents that with the spring and summer season upon us that the incidence of door to door solicitors increases. Residents are reminded to never allow strangers access to your home or to have any personal information. Always check for identification and appropriate business affiliation they say they represent. Any time you are uncomfortable or have any suspicion, contact the Police Department for assistance.

DUMPSTER RESERVATIONS BEGAN APRIL 3RD

There will be a \$75.00 charge for the dumpster. To make a reservation for the dumpster, you need to come to the Village Office (8a.m. – 4 p.m.), **we cannot take calls for reservations.** Payment of \$75.00 will be due at time of making your reservation – No contractor's debris will be accepted. The Village crew will leave the dumpster at the end of your driveway on a Wednesday and pick it up the following Wednesday.

Mark your calendar to stop in the Village Office to schedule the dumpster

TICKS AND LYME DISEASE

A guide for Preventing Ticks & Lyme Disease from the New York State Health Department are available in the front Lobby of 250 Broadway.

MENANDS FIRE CO. #1, INC.

The next meeting of the Menands Fire Company #1 Inc. will be held on **Tuesday, June 6, 2017, at 7:00 PM** at the Ganser-Smith Park with a picnic to follow. 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 6:00 PM on **June 14, 2017** at the Ganser-Smith Park. Picnic to follow. Please bring a dish to share.

PRESS RELEASE

Menands Seeking Funds for Water System Improvements
Community to Survey Residents of South End Neighborhood
Village of Menands, May 8, 2017

The Village of Menands is exploring the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program to support the cost of replacing water mains in the South End neighborhood. The Village intends to conduct confidential surveys of local households to determine income limits to verify if the project is eligible for funding.

Mayor Megan Grenier indicated "it is important that residents participate in the survey so that we can position ourselves to secure state funds in support of this project, protecting our water quality and our budget."

The Village will use a consulting firm to conduct a mailing to residents of the neighborhood. All surveys will be handled by a third party to protect the confidentiality of the information. Residents will be asked to complete and return a one page form to document the eligibility. Depending on the return rate of the surveys, the Village may go door to door to complete and collect the surveys.

The Village is targeting the South End Neighborhood which is comprised of portions of Wolfert, Amsterdam and Hendrick Avenues, as well as Highland, Hampton, North Pearl, Hutton, Kingston and Pawling Streets and adjacent areas. The water system in this area of the Village has some of the oldest infrastructures in the Village and is in need of replacement.

Surveys will be mailed the week of May 15, 2017.

GARAGE/PLANT/CRAFT SALE BENEFIT

On Friday, June 9 and Saturday, June 10, there will be a garage/plant/craft sale at the Cohen House on 5 South Lyons Ave. from 9 to 2. All proceeds from the sale will go to Empower Ethiopia, a local nonprofit founded by Todd Hayes and Lisa Buoniconto of 2 East Kenmar Road Menands. On April 26, Empower Ethiopia was the recipient of the Capital District Susu Womens' club's 2017 Global Humanitarian award and a community service award presented by Congressman Paul Tonko. Empower Ethiopia helps support vulnerable children and their families in partnership with Let Us Change in Hawassa Ethiopia, a city that is located between the two villages where their sons were born.

More on the other side.....

DPW SUMMER HELP NEEDED

The DPW is looking for Summer Help, please stop by the Village Office for an application.

MENANDS SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Menands School Board of Education will meet on **Monday, June 12, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.**

MENANDS PUBLIC LIBRARY

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

On **Saturday, June 3rd at 10:00 a.m.**, the Library and its board would like your help in clearing brush, junk and an old shed from the lot on the side of the library. We intend to re-claim this space for library and community use. Wear clothes you can get dirty in and if you have loppers, shovels, trimmers, pruners or any other tools that might be useful, please bring them along!

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

On **Saturday, June 17th**, the Menands library will hold its annual ice cream social and Summer reading kick-off party. The party will run from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will feature ice cream from Stewart's and entertainment from Ron Cain, Magician and Ballooneer extraordinaire!

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 pictures onto your computer? Appointments not necessary, but recommended, just call the library to make one.

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

MENANDS SENIOR CITIZEN CLUB

On **July 19, 2017** we will be going on a Whale Watch in Newburyport, MA. We will leave Ganser-Smith Park at 6:30 a.m. Arrive in Newburyport, Ma. We will board "Captains Lady III," at 10:00 a.m. and travel the Merrimack River into the Gulf of Maine where we will find a variety of marine life, including Humpback, Finback and Minke Whales as well as Porpoises, Seals, Sharks and an array of Sea Birds. During our trip, expert naturalists will share their passion and knowledge of the marine environment and sightings we encounter. Lunch at Michael's Harborside Restaurant and Bar in Newburyport, MA. Cost \$60/70

On **August 15, 2017** we will leave Ganser-Smith Park at 3:00 p.m. and stop at Yanni's Too, Coeymans Landing for dinner. After dinner we will travel to the Washington Park Playhouse for "The Music Man", the story of a man who pretends to be a professor of music. He talks people into believing he is going to start a boys marching band. After collecting money from unsuspecting townspeople to buy instruments, he plans to leave town. However, his plans are interrupted. Songs in the play include: 76 Trombones, Marian the Librarian, Goodnight My Someone, Lida Rose, Til There Was You, Gary Indiana, to name a few. Cost of trip \$40/50,

On **August 22, 2017** we will leave Ganser-Smith Park at 7:00 a.m. to visit the Bronx Zoo. Walking is required. It will not be a guided tour. You can view the exhibits at your own pace. Bring along a bagged lunch or a snack. We will stop at the Suburban Diner, Passaic, NJ on our way home. Cost of trip, transportation and admission to the zoo only \$20. Dinner is on your own.

MENANDS SENIOR CITIZEN CLUB CONTINUES

On **September 6, 2017** we will leave Ganser-Smith Park at 7:30 a.m. and head for the Westchester Broadway Theater in

Elmsford, N.Y. to see "Annie". Annie is a spunky Depression-era orphan determined to find her parents, who abandoned her years ago on the doorstep of a New York City Orphanage run by the cruel, embittered Miss Hannigan. In adventure after fun-filled adventure, Annie foils Miss Hannigan's evil plots, befriends President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and finds a new family and home in billionaire Oliver Warbucks, his secretary Grace Farrell, and a lovable mutt named Sandy. Includes songs such as "It's the Hard Knock Life," "Easy Street," "I Don't Need Anything But You," and "Tomorrow." We will find salad and rolls on the table when we arrive at 11:00 a.m. Dinner will be served in between acts. If you haven't been to this theater, you must try it. It is truly luxurious. Cost \$59.

The next meeting of the Menands Senior Citizen Club will be on **June 22, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.**

THIS IS NOT A SENIOR TRIP

On **October 11 – 13, 2017** (Wednesday-Friday): Amishland Tour, Lancaster, PA.

Tour includes: Transportation, Hotel Accommodations for two nights, Baggage Handling, full day farmlands tour of Kitchen Kettle Village including a stop at an Amish Home, Show Tickets for a performance of "Jonah", 2 dinners, 2 full breakfasts, shopping time at the Outlets, lunch at Miller's Smorgasbord. Price per person: Double Occupancy \$410, Single Occupancy \$530. Insurance Available.

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.

SENIOR WINS AWARD FOR CHINESE STUDIES

Senior wins award for Chinese studies Tech Valley High School senior Sydney Hayes of Menands recently won the Tema Bellinson Memorial Award, which is given annually to the top Capital Region high school student of Chinese language and culture. The U.S.-China Peoples Friendship Association's Northeast New York Chapter gives out the award, and a TVHS student has won it every year for the past six years. Hayes was nominated by Chinese teacher Sophia Hsia. All TVHS students are required to take at least two years of Chinese, but Hayes has exceeded that requirement. She also traveled with TVHS for the school's biennial trip to China in April 2015. "Sydney has been taking Chinese since her freshman year — she is taking Chinese IV now," Hsia said. "I nominated her because of her commitment to learning the Chinese language and culture all four years of her high school career. She has shown a lot of passion and motivation." Hayes accepted the award during a banquet on Saturday, April 29 at the Capital Buffet in Colonie. She received a scholarship and a letter of recognition from U.S. Rep. Paul Tonko, D-Amsterdam. She was cheered on by her family and Hsia at the event.

Items to be included in the next edition of the Menands Activities dated June 9, 2017 **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IN THE VILLAGE OFFICE AFTER 9 A.M. Monday, June 5, 2017. Please indicate item is for the Menands Activities.**