



The News of MENANDS ACTIVITIES

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

I would like to wish everyone a safe and joyous holiday season, and a healthy and happy 2019.
Mayor Meg

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

The next Village Board Meeting will be held on **Monday, January 7, 2019 at 6:00 P.M.** All meetings are held at 250 Broadway in Menands and are open to the public and are handicap accessible.

ZBA PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing will be held on **Tuesday, January 15th, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Village Municipal Building at 250 Broadway for the purpose of considering the following applications for use variances:

Uri Kaufman, Al Self Storage LLC is applying for a Use Variance at 30 Broadway to construct a 4500 sq. ft. self-storage building.

Capital City Produce is applying for a Use Variance at 381 Broadway to install an above ground fueling tank.

U-Haul International is applying for a Use Variance at 125 Broadway to include relief from 169, Schedule A, attachment 1.

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

HOLIDAY OFFICES SCHEDULE

The Village office, court and D.P.W. will be closing at 2:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve, December 24 and New Year's Eve on December 31. All will reopen on December 26 and January 2 due to the Holidays.

HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE

Monday's trash in both weeks will be the same. Tuesday's trash schedule will be on Wednesdays of both weeks. Thursday recycling will be the same. There will be no Special pick-up during these weeks.

ALERT SYSTEM

If you would like to receive alerts from the Village of Menands, please sign up on the Village Website. If you do not have access to a computer and want to receive alerts, please contact Don Handerman, Village Clerk at 518-434-2922 and he will assist you.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

If you have a contractor for lawn care and leaves, they are responsible for taking away the debris.

MENANDS SCHOOL PATH CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Due to the Building Project and construction occurring at Menands School, the school path that runs from the village to the school will be closed until further notice. For safety purposes pedestrian traffic will not be allowed. Your understanding and cooperation is appreciated.

PUBLIC SAFETY NOTICE

Leaf pick-up in the Village is weather permitting. Once it snows the trucks are set-up for plowing and the leaf machine come out of service. Despite several notices going out that due to the early snow fall this year only leaves in bags could be picked up, leaves were still raked to the road creating a public safety issue.

In order to address this safety risk, the DPW has removed the plows and set the trucks up again for leaf pick-up to go out for a **one time sweep** of the Village to remove the leaves that pose a risk. This pick-up is for the leaves currently out and **NOT** a means to continue raking leaves to the road.

Due to the unpredictability of when it will snow again, Mayor Grenier has arranged with Albany County Executive Dan McCoy, for the County to cover Menands while the plows are off our trucks. We appreciate the County's assistance and the hard work of the DPW to keep our streets safe. We thank those who held off raking or bagged their leaves as directed for their cooperation and understanding.

As of **Thursday, December 20**, the leaf machine will be converted back to a plow. We will only pick up bagged leaves after the above date.

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 Co. #1, Inc. will be **Wednesday, January 2, 2019 at 8:00 p.m.** 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!

More on the other side.....

MENANDS FIRE CO. #1, INC. AUXILIARY

The next meeting of the Menands Fire Co. #1, Inc. Auxiliary will be at **6:30 P.M. on January 9, 2019** at the Village Hall located at 250 Broadway, Menands. Following the meeting we will have a wine and cheese party.

MENANDS ST. PATRICK'S CLUB

The Menands St. Patrick's Club was started in 1964 and this year marks the 56th 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 6, 2019 at 12 noon** at the Menands Village Hall.

MENANDS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Ted Riese, our terrific children's librarian, left the library as of December 1st. This means in the short term, there will be some disruption of youth services. As of December 1st there will be no Saturday children's story hour, Tuesday Game Night and Thursday LEGO Party until further notice. Homework help will be limited to Thursday evenings and for us grown-ups, no more computer and handheld device help. All hiring for the Library is under the jurisdiction of Albany County Civil Service. We will be operating through that agency to fill Ted's former position as soon as possible. The Menands Public Library is located at 4 N. Lyons Avenue, Menands, New York. For more info. call 518-463-4035.

THEY HAVE ARRIVED

The world famous 2019 Menands Public Library Pocket Calendar has arrived! Supplies are limited so, please, one calendar per library card holder.

MENANDS SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

The next meeting of the Menands School Board of Education will be held on **Monday, January 7, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.**

MENANDS SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB NEWS

Come in and sign up for any of our trips at our Thursday gatherings. New members are always welcome. Only requirement, you must be 55 years young to apply. Dues still only \$5. Contact info. call Diane Leonard at 518-465-3771.

The next meeting of the Menands Senior Citizen Club will be **December 27, 2018 at 10:30 A. M.** We will have a speaker, Jess Flynn, who is the community liaison for the Eddie in regards to Adult Day Care Services.

ONE DAY TRIPS

March 6, 2019, Wednesday, "Menopause, The Musical," at the Westchester Broadway Theatre, Elmsford, NY. Four women shop for lingerie at a Bloomingdale's sale and sing 25 songs about chocolate cravings, hot flashes, loss of memory,

nocturnal sweats and other predicaments. The lyrics parody popular music from the baby boomer era and includes the numbers "Stayin' Awake" and "Puff, My God I'm Draggin'." Trip includes dinner. Cost \$59/\$69

April 24, 2019, Wednesday, "Newsies," Westchester Broadway Theater, Elmsford, NY. The play was inspired by the real-life Newsboys Strike of 1899 in New York City. Trip includes dinner. Cost \$59/\$69.

SAVE THE DATE!!

The Menands Father Daughter Dance will be held on **Saturday, February 2, 2019** from **6-9pm** at Bethany Presbyterian Church. We look forward to seeing all fathers, father figures and their daughters having a blast this year again! If you have questions, you can reach the dance coordinators, Jennie Pearsall at pearsalljennie@gmail.com or Kelley Lemyre at kelleylemyre11@gmail.com
****This event is not affiliated or funded by the Menands School PTA****

CALL FOR ARTISTS

The Living Room Art Gallery located in the Visitors Center of Historic St. Agnes Cemetery is calling for local artists to exhibit in 2019. Since 2013, the gallery has been promoting the talent and creativity of artists from our community. We believe art is an important part of life! If you would like to arrange for an exhibit of your original art or art you have collected over the years, call Kelly Grimaldi at 518-350-7679 or email Kelly@adcemeteries.org for more information.

PAINTING CLASSES

Classes include paints, brushes, canvas, and delicious baked goods from Schuyler Bakery, juice, coffee, tea and wonderful, positive energy. Prices are \$25 for an 11 x 14 inch canvas or \$20 for an 8 x 10 inch canvas. All classes are 10 AM – Noon. No experience necessary! Classes are perfect for beginner and intermediate painters. Join us in The Living Room Art Gallery located in St. Agnes Cemetery's Visitor Center, 48 Cemetery Ave., Menands, NY 12204. Reservation are necessary as space is limited. Call 518-350-7679 or email Kelly@adcemeteries.org to register for class(es).

January 11 Blue Jay in Bare Trees
January 25 Sunlight on a Snowy Corn Field
February 8 Dew-kissed Roses
February 22 Moonlight Through an Old Window – A lesson in translucent light
March 8 Bunny in a Cabbage Patch
March 29 Monet's Waterlilies – Palette knife technique
April 12 Painting in the Style of Gustav Klimt
April 26 Northern Lights – Heavenly Sky
May 17 Waves Crashing a Rocky Shoreline

Items to be included in the next edition of the Menands Activities dated January 4, 2019 **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IN THE VILLAGE OFFICE AFTER 9 A.M. Monday, December 31, 2019. Please indicate item is for the Menands Activities.**