



The News of MENANDS ACTIVITIES

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MESSAGE FROM MAYOR MEG

As we work through the COVID-19 pandemic, I would like to thank the members of our departments, Village staff, the Board of Trustees and our residents for their patience, understanding and continued efforts while we navigate through these most difficult times. Protecting the health and safety of our employees and community is of utmost importance. If anyone needs assistance, please contact Clerk Handerhan at 518-434-2922. For emergency's dial 911. Please stay safe and well!

IMPORTANT NOTICE

All Menands Village Buildings are closed to the Public until further notice. The Village Office is open from 8 – 12 noon Monday thru Friday. The public is encouraged to please email Clerk Don Handerhan at (handerhand@villageofmenands.com) or phone the office (518-434-2922) instead of appearing in person.

All public meetings will be closed to the public. They will be available by Teleconference or Video conference. Please see website for more information.

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

Due to the current situation with COVID-19 and subsequent social distancing guidelines, the Village of Menands Board of Trustees has decided to host its regular bi-monthly meeting via webinar on Google Hangout Meet on **Monday, May 4, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.** Menands residents may participate going to Village of Menands Website and clicking a link to Google Hangout.

If you have any questions or would like to submit a question or statement ahead of time to be read into the record at the meeting, please email Clerk Don Handerhan no later than **May 4, 2020 noon** at handerhand@villageofmenands.com

SPECIAL PICK-UP

Special Pick-up will resume on Wednesday's only. (If a holiday falls on a Monday or Tuesday, there will be NO special pick-up that week). For special pick-up, you must call the Village Office at (434-2922) by Tuesday before 4 p.m. to be added to the Wednesday schedule. This is a homeowner service for household items larger than normal trash and NOT to be used by contractors doing work at Village residences. PROHIBITED ITEMS include: Televisions, Cans containing Wet Paint (air dry before disposal), Computer Monitors, Medical Waste, Propane Tanks, Contractor's materials (contractor responsible for disposal), and Tires. It is the homeowner's responsibility to dispose of these items themselves and not leave curbside. The DPW will NOT pick up these items. Leaf and yard waste should be put in bags at the curbside.

MESSAGE FROM

MENANDS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Be aware that people have been going through cars in the village recently. It is very important that you keep your cars locked when parked at your home or apartment building. Check your car before you get out and don't leave wallets, computers, money and especially the keys inside of your vehicle. We have had cars stolen recently, because people either pulled up to a business to run in and left their car running or they left the keys in the vehicle at their home. Please report any suspicious behavior. If you see anything just dial 911. For non-emergency's you can call 518-463-1681.

VILLAGE OF MENANDS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The Village of Menands Comprehensive Plan Committee is pleased to announce the publication of the Draft Comprehensive Plan. This is the first complete draft of the Comprehensive Plan released to the public. Many residents have contributed to the process by answering a community survey, attending open houses, and participating in interviews. Residents are encouraged to review the plan on our Village Website in advance of a Public Hearing set for the May 4th Village Board meeting at 6:00 pm. Since all Village Board meetings are presently being held remotely via video conference it will be very important for residents to submit comments and inquiries in advance of the May 4th meeting. Please see the website for instructions on submitting comments or call Ethan Gaddy at (518) 824 1942.

DUMPSTER RESERVATIONS

Dumpster reservations began April 1st. There will be a charge of \$100 for the dumpster rental. To make a reservation for the dumpster, please call the Village Office Monday - Friday from 8:00 am - 12:00 noon at 518-434-2922 or email Clerk Handerhan at Handerhand@villageofmenands.com for more information. Payment of \$100 will be due prior to the reservation date. 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.

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 Handerhan, Village Clerk, at 518-434-2922 and he will assist you.

MENANDS BASEBALL/TBALL

We have extended the Menands Tball and baseball registration and it will remain open. This league is all coed and is open to children ages 3-12. Please Visit www.menandsbaseballsoftball.com or reach out to Karyn Steurer at 518-496-2411 or klong@cbpp.com

More on the other side.....

2020 CENSUS

Now that you have the time, please fill out the 2020 Census form. The Census data is used to determine grants to schools, nutrition assistance, funding for infrastructure and senior services. It is important that everyone gets counted, including children. Your response to the 2020 Census is safe, secure and protected by Federal law. Your answers are for statistics only AND CANNOT BE USED AGAINST YOU IN ANY WAY.

MENANDS FIRE CO. #1, INC. AUXILIARY

The April and May meetings for the Menands Auxiliary are cancelled. We hope to have our annual elections in June, pending social gathering limitation being lifted.

MENANDS SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION The next meeting of the Menands School Board of Educ. will be held **Wednesday, April 22 at 6:30 p.m.**

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Now hiring for the Menands Baseball Tball season. We are looking for concession stand workers, score keepers as well as umpires. No experience needed! Employment begins Saturday 4/25. We need help week nights as well as Saturdays. Please reach out to Karyn Long at klong@cbpp.com or email her at 518-496-2411

MENANDS SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

If you are a resident of the Menands Union Free School District and have a child who will be 5 years old on or before December 1, 2020, please call Menands School at 518-465-4561 ext. 215 to register for the upcoming year. If you know of a neighbor who has an age-eligible Kindergarten student, please pass the word.

MENANDS SCHOOL CAREER DAY

Menands School will be hosting a Career Day and we need YOUR experiences! We are looking for a variety of people interested in spending a morning talking to our middle school students about their career. Many of our students are unaware of the career opportunities available to them, and this is a wonderful way to provide them with first-hand knowledge of potential career paths. This is also a great way for you to get involved in Menands School and make an impact on the students' future. If you, or someone you know, would be interested in joining us, please connect with Gabby Mattson, School Counseling intern at 465-4561, ext. 156, or send an email to gmattson@menands.org. The **Career Day will be held on Monday, June 22 from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.** Thank you in advance for your involvement.

MENANDS PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Menands Public Library will be closed due to public health concerns related to Covid-19/Corona Virus. Right now there is no opening date in the foreseeable future. The library is following the Menands School District schedule. All fines will be waived while we are closed. Stay safe.

HONORING THOSE WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY

The Village of Menands is rich with pride and gratitude for the men and women who serve our country in the military. To honor both veterans and active duty members of all branches of our armed forces, we would like to join other communities in displaying banners of those who serve. An original picture of any size is needed and will be returned. The cost per banner is \$165.00. For more information on participating in this program, contact the Village Office @ 518-434-2922.

FREE LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

The Serious Side of Food

Come join us in The Living Room Art Gallery located in the Visitors Center at Historic St. Agnes Cemetery, 48 Cemetery Avenue, Menands, NY for an interesting and enlightening program series offered for free! Led by Professors Annette Crawford-Harris and Linda S. Pezzolesi, participants will engage in lively conversation based on assigned readings from texts selected by noted restaurant critic Mimi Sheraton participants in advance. This is a five-part series with 90-minute sessions, but you can attend as many as you want. Registration is required as space is limited. Call Kelly Grimaldi at 518-350-7679 or email Kelly@adcemeteries.org for more information. **Program Dates: Wednesdays 6:30 – 8 PM on May 20, 27, June 3, 10 and 17**

MENANDS SENIOR CLUB NEWS

During the CORONA VIRUS PANDEMIC, all Senior Club Meetings and Gatherings are cancelled. We will follow the Menands School/North Colonie School District schedule. When classes resume, Senior club activities will resume.

Trips, postponed are:

The Parade Trolley, 3/14/2020 to 3/13/2021

Gavins, Irish Country Inn, 3/17/2020 to 3/17/2021

“Act of God,” Curtain Call Theater, 4/18/20 to 1/30/21

Finger Lakes Tour, 5/13-5/15/2020 to 5/12-5/14/2021

Hawaiian Cruise/Pearl Harbor tour, 9/26-10/3/2020 to 9/24-10/2/2021

Any questions or concerns, contact Diane 518-465-3771

Hello Menands Neighborhood!

MENANDS SCHOOL PTA INFORMATION

The Menands PTA is committed to making every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children. To join go to <https://www.menandsschoolpta.com/join-now>.

May 13: Family Portrait Fundraiser at Ganser-Smith Park (rain date May 14, 2020) More info. to follow.

April 30 and June 10, 2020: Please join us at our last General PTA meetings at 6:30 p.m. in the school library. If you need childcare, please complete the form at <http://bit.ly/childcareform>.

Our Menands School PTA is in search of some new board members for the upcoming school years. The Menands PTA is a very large part of the Menands school events as well as many community events. We would love nothing more than to see this wonderful organization continue to thrive. In order to do that we are in search of a President, a secretary and a treasurer to serve 2 year terms. You will have to become a member of the PTA to run, however, you do not have to have a kid in the school to be eligible. We are seeking help from our wonderful community. All nominations and recommendations have to be in to the nominating committee as soon as possible in order to allow time for the nominating committee to choose nominees for the June 10, 2020 election. The term will run July 2020-July 2022. If you have a nomination or would like to apply yourself please email the nomination committee at menandsschoolPTA@gmail.com

Please continue to check our FB and school website for any updates!

Thank you in advance.

Items to be included in the next edition of the Menands Activities dated May 8, 2020 **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IN THE VILLAGE OFFICE AFTER 9 A.M. Monday, May 4, 2020.** Please indicate item is for the Menands Activities.