



# The News of MENANDS ACTIVITIES

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### IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Village of Menands office will reopen to the public beginning May 26, 2020 with the regular hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (The Village Court remains closed until further notice). Social distancing guidelines will be in place to protect the safety of our staff and the public. Masks must be worn before entering the building. In order to adhere to the 6ft. social distancing guidelines, only two members of the public will be allowed in the office at the same time. Only office personnel will be allowed access past the front counter. We ask that any matters that can be handled over the phone, please call the Village office at 518-434-2922 instead of appearing in person. All public meetings will remain closed to the Public. They will be available by Teleconference or Video conference. Please see website for more information. We thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we navigate through these difficult times.

### 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 18, 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 18, 2020 noon** at [handerhand@villageofmenands.com](mailto:handerhand@villageofmenands.com)

### HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE

There will be no trash pick-up on Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. Monday's trash pick-up will be Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. Tuesday's trash pick-up will be Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. **NO SPECIAL PICK-UP THIS WEEK.**

### 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 no n-emergencies you can call 518-463-1681.

### MENANDS FIRE CO. #1, INC.

The meetings of the Menands Fire Co.#1, Inc will be held virtual until further notice. The next virtual meeting will be **June 2, 2020 at 8:00 p.m.**

### 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!

### SENIOR NOTICE

Mayor Grenier reached out by phone to the seniors of the Village and inquired if any were in need of masks for their personal use. Many responded and they were supplied masks by the officers of the Menands Police Dept. If you are a senior and are in need of a mask, please contact the Police Dept. at 518-463-1681 or the Village Clerk, Don Handerhan, at 518-434-2922 and we will arrange for one to be delivered.

### 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](mailto: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.

### MENANDS BIKE-PEDESTRIAN CONNECTOR PROJECT UPDATE

We are planning to close the North Bound On Ramp from the Menands Connector (Exit 6) to North Bound I-787, the ramp will be closed from Tuesday May 26,2020 through Thursday June 25,2020. During this closure, traffic that needs to go NB from Menands via I-787 will be detoured North on Route 32 to Route 378 East, once on Route 378 East they can access North Bound I-787 via the exit 7 NB on ramp. Access to South Bound I-787 from the Menands Connector (Exit 6) will remain open during this time.

### 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 FIRE CO. #1, INC. AUXILIARY

The June meeting for the Menands Auxiliary is cancelled. We hope to see you in September.

More on the other side.....

### 2020 CENSUS

Have you taken the time to complete your 2020 Census? Please go to [2020census.gov](https://2020census.gov) or complete the mailer. Your answers are for statistics only and cannot be used against you in any way. Your Village needs you to complete the Census. Thank-you

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Albany Rural Cemetery is looking for 2 grounds keepers for the Summer. Please call David Quinn at 518-463-7017 if you are interested or want more information.

### 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 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.

### Summer Reading program

Area libraries are working together to plan a fun and safe way for schoolchildren to participate in the 2020 summer reading program. Please check the Menands Public Library website to see when and how the 2020 summer reading program kick-off will take place.

### 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](mailto:Kelly@adcemeteries.org) for more information. Program Dates: Wednesdays 6:30 – 8 PM on May 27, June 3, 10 and 17

### 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.

### MENANDS SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

The next virtual meeting of the Menands School Board of Educ. will be held, **Monday, June 8, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.**

### 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>.

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](mailto:menandsschoolPTA@gmail.com)

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

Thank you in advance.

Items to be included in the next edition of the Menands Activities dated June 5, 2020 **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IN THE VILLAGE OFFICE AFTER 9 A.M. Monday, June 1, 2020.** Please indicate item is for the Menands Activities.