



The News of MENANDS ACTIVITIES

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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.

IN APPRECIATION AND THANKS

In appreciation and thanks to our first responders, teachers, administrators, food distribution workers and all essential personnel, the Village of Menands will sound the fire siren for a solid 30 seconds beginning Wednesday, April 29th and thereafter beginning at 7:00 p.m. (This is in addition to the daily 6:00 siren). We will take this time to reflect on our current situation and pay tribute to the selfless workers and volunteers who protect and serve us all.

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

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.

MENANDS SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

The next virtual meeting of the Menands School Board of Educ. will be held **Wednesday, May 11, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.**

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.

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!

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

On behalf of the Village Board and the residents of Menands, I extend congratulations to Renie Gadani on her retirement. We thank Renie for her 33 years of service to our Village and wish her good health and happiness in her retirement.

Mayor Meg

IMPORTANT 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 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.

More on the other side.....

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.

2020 CENSUS

Have you taken the time to complete your 2020 Census? Please go to 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

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.**

MENANDS FIRE CO. #1, INC. AUXILIARY

The 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 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 for more information. Program Dates: Wednesdays 6:30 – 8 PM on May 20, 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 SENIOR CLUB NEWS

Heartfelt thank you to Chief Frank LaCosse, Mayor Meg Grenier, Village Clerk Don Handerman, Officer Scott Westfall, Officer Ed Barnes and Officer P. J. Stone for organizing and distributing Co-Vid 19 Face Masks to Resident Members of the Menands Senior Club.

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>.

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 upstages!

Thank you in advance.

Items to be included in the next edition of the Menands Activities dated May 22, 2020 **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IN THE VILLAGE OFFICE AFTER 9 A.M. Monday, May 18, 2020. Please indicate item is for the Menands Activities.**