



# The News of MENANDS ACTIVITIES

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### IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Village of Menands office reopened to the public 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, June 15, 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 **June 15, 2020 noon** at [handerhand@villageofmenands.com](mailto: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.

### 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.

### 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!

### UPCOMING VOTING INFORMATION

With coronavirus and quarantine, New York State has expanded the guidelines for absentee voting for upcoming elections. For people nervous about going to the voting polls, this will allow them to participate in elections from their home.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, on April 24, 2020 Governor Cuomo signed an executive order (EO 202.23) requiring local boards of elections to mail an absentee ballot application with a postage paid return envelope to voters eligible to vote in the June 23rd primary election. (In NYS in order to vote in a Primary you must be enrolled in the party having the Primary. There may not always be a Primary for your party enrollment). Registered voters should have received a yellow postcard with information, including polling place, should they choose to vote in person. (Reminder: Menands School is no longer a polling place)

Additionally, the Menands UFSD budget vote and Board of Education elections to be held on June 9, 2020 will be by **absentee ballot only**. All qualified voters of the Menands UFSD will be sent an absentee ballot together with a postage paid return envelope. A white postcard was mailed from Menands UFSD with voting information. For more information on the proposed school budget visit [www.menands.org](http://www.menands.org).

Any questions regarding voting or registering to vote, please contact the Board of Elections at 518-487-5060 or [www.albanycounty.com/vote](http://www.albanycounty.com/vote). Online voter registration with the Albany County Board of Elections is available through NYSDMV website at [www.dmy.ny.gov](http://www.dmy.ny.gov). For additional information on elections, visit [www.elections.ny.gov](http://www.elections.ny.gov).

### SUMMER PROGRAM UPDATE

The 2020 Village Youth Summer Program has been cancelled.

Menands Jr. Baseball & Softball League 2020 season has been cancelled.

All meetings and gatherings of the Menands Senior Citizen Club have been postponed until September.

2020 Summer Concerts in the Park have been cancelled.

The Annual Village Picnic scheduled in August will be determined at a later date.

More on the other side.....

### 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-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 **July 7, 2020 at 8:00 p.m.**

## 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 – 4:00 pm at 518-434-2922 or email Clerk Handerman at [Handerman@villageofmenands.com](mailto:Handerman@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.

## 2020 CENSUS

Have you taken the time to complete your 2020 Census? Please go to [2020census.gov](http://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 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.

## ANNUAL SENIOR PICNIC IN THE PARK

September 17, 2020, 10:00 AM-2:00PM, at Ganser-Smith Park Pavilion, Menands. Bingo starts at 10:30 AM, coffee and donuts will be served. Lunch around 11:30 or 12 noon. Cost \$15. Pres. Diane Leonard

If you have either joined or recently renewed your membership, I have not been able to get more membership cards due to COVID 19. As soon as I am able, I will send your cards to you. Debbie Teitsch

## MENANDS PUBLIC LIBRARY

## CURB SIDE SERVICE

On Monday June 15, 2020 the Menands Public Library will begin Phase 1 of our move toward normal service. Until we reach Phase 2 patrons will not be able to move through the library freely. Patrons can only make a request for a book, video, etc. online through our webpage ([www.menandslibrary.org](http://www.menandslibrary.org)), telephone request 518-463-4035, fax 518-449-3863, or just leave a note in our drop box. We will contact you by email, phone or mail that the item you requested is ready for pick-up. If

you have not heard from the library, your item is not ready for pick up. Do not come to the library to "check on things". When it comes we will contact you. The hours will be Monday: 12 noon to 3pm; 6 pm to 8 pm

Tuesday 6 pm to 8 pm

Wednesday 12 noon to 3pm; 6 pm to 8 pm

Thursday 6 pm to 8 pm

Friday 12 noon to 3 pm

Saturday 10 am to 1 pm

The pickup and drop off of items will take in the entrance way of the library. **YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO GO BEYOND THAT POINT.** It has been a long tough spring, but we are on our way back!

## SUMMER READING PROGRAM

The Menands Public Library is pleased to announce that our annual summer reading will start on June 20. The program will end on August 1. For registration, please go to our website ([www.menandslibrary.org](http://www.menandslibrary.org)), or Facebook page, or contact us on phone (518-463-4035).

## 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

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 19, 2020 **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IN THE VILLAGE OFFICE AFTER 9 A.M. Monday, June 15, 2020.** Please indicate item is for the Menands Activities.