



# The News of MENANDS ACTIVITIES

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### VILLAGE OFFICE

Due to the increasing cases of COVID-19, effective Wednesday, December 2, 2020, the Village of Menands Offices will be closed to the public. If you should require anything from the Village Office you are encouraged to please email Clerk Handerhan at ([handerhand@villageofmenands.com](mailto:handerhand@villageofmenands.com)) or phone the office (518-434-2922) instead of appearing in person. If there is a need to come into the Office it will be by Appointment Only. To make an appointment please call (518) 434-2922. This is for the safety of our staff and the public. If you should need to drop anything off to the Village Office please use the Dropbox to the left of the door. Please stay safe.

### HOLIDAY OFFICES SCHEDULE

The Village Office, Court and D.P.W. will be closed on **Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 P.M., and Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup>** for the Christmas Holiday. There will be no special pick-up that week.

The Village Office, Court and D.P.W. will be closed on **Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 P.M. and Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021** for the New Year's Holiday. There will be no special pick-up that week.

### VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

The next Village Board Meeting is scheduled for **Monday, December 21, 2020**. The meeting will be rResheld virtual google meet starting at **6:00 p.m.** The Governor may extend it again. This will be posted on the Village Website. 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 **December 21, 2020 noon** at [handerhand@villageofmenands.com](mailto:handerhand@villageofmenands.com)

### QUIET ZONE IMPLEMENTATION NOTICE

The Village has been engaged in the process of establishing a Partial Quiet Zone for railroad crossings on Cemetery Road, Menand Road, Brookside Avenue and Simmons Lane. We are pleased to notify you that the Partial Quiet Zone will take effect on December 7, 2020. When the Partial Quiet Zone is implemented, trains will no longer sound a warning horn when approaching these intersections between the hours of 10:00 pm and 7:00 am except in emergency situations.

In preparation for the establishment of the Partial Quiet Zone, the Village evaluated each railroad crossing and installed new striping and signage. Each railroad crossing is now equipped with stop bars, railroad crossing striping, railroad crossing signage and Quiet Zone signage which reads:

**NO TRAIN HORN 10 PM – 7 AM**

Residents are advised to observe the new striping and signage and to exercise caution at railroad crossings particularly during the new Quiet Zone hours. The Village is glad for the opportunity to work with

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Canadian Pacific Railroad to safely introduce the Partial Quiet Zone to the benefit of Village residents. Please contact the Village Clerk at 518-434-2922 with any questions about the Partial Quiet Zone implementation.

### 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.

### VILLAGE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS & SNOW REMOVAL

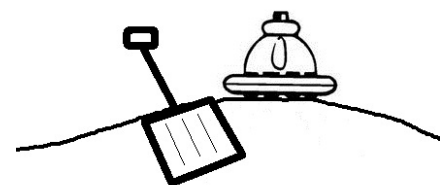
To provide you with the best service possible, the Department of Public Works (DPW) would like to remind everyone that your cooperation is needed during the winter months for proper plowing, salting and snow removal. If you have a driveway or an off street parking space, please use it during the winter 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 held on **January 5, 2021** in person at the firehouse (not virtually). Social Distancing Protocols will be in place. Meeting time is 8:00 p.m.

### **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!



BE A HYDRANT HERO! PLEASE ADOPT A HYDRANT!

More on the other side.....

**MENANDS SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION**

The next virtual meeting of the Menands School Board of Educ. will be held, **Monday, January 11, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.**

**TOYS FOR TOTS**

This year the Village of Menands, Menands Police Dept. and the Menands Fire Dept. are proud to announce that they are participating in the annual Toys for Tots toy drive. The drop off location for the toys will be in the lobby of the Police Dept., located at 250 Broadway in Menands. We are looking to collect new unwrapped toys to be given out to children to help them have a Merry Christmas. If you could please bring an unwrapped new toy to the listed location and drop it off it would be appreciated .

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**ANNUAL SANTA CLAUS VISIT**

On **December 19<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 9 a.m.**, the Menands Fire Dept. will be doing their annual visit by Santa Claus as he is driven around the Village on the Fire Truck. If you do have an unwrapped toy and want to donate it to the Toys for Tots program on that day, you can do so. Just give it to Santa and he will make sure it gets to the children.

**THEY'RE BACK**

The World famous Menands Public Library pocket calendars for 2021 are now available!! Yes, 2020 is almost over, finally. Pick up your 2021 calendar and step into what has to be a better future! Remember supplies are limited. One calendar per card holder.

**MENANDS PUBLIC LIBRARY**

The Menands Public Library resumed regular operating hours, but Covid-19 protocols will still be enforced. Patrons over the age of two will be required to wear a mask, maintain social distancing and allowed to use our computers for one hour. Only ten patrons at a time will be allowed in the library.

The library hours are:

Monday and Wednesday 12 noon to 8 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Friday 12 noon to 5 p.m.

Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Closed Sunday

**LIBRARY MANAGER (FULL TIME)**

**MENANDS PUBLIC LIBRARY**

The Board of Trustees of the Menands Public Library seeks an enthusiastic and community-oriented individual to serve as Library Manager to oversee the library in the Village of Menands. The Menands Public Library is a school district public library and is a member of the Upper Hudson Library System. The Library Manager reports to a five-member board of trustees and collaborates with the library board on a variety of activities related to delivering library service to our community. The Library Manager has primary responsibility for the operation and management of the library, including but are not limited to: collection development, customer service, program planning and implementation, utilization of technology to enhance library services, written monthly updates to the board, public relations and community outreach. The Library Manager supervises a small staff of up to five part-time employees. The position of Library Manager is provisional and permanent appointment is contingent upon passing the Library Manager Albany County Civil Service exam and being reachable on the eligible list for that title. Minimum qualifications for this position include completion of sixty (60) credit hours from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university and one (1) year of professional experience in administering not-for-profit, government, education, human services, or library services. Equivalent volunteer work in a library can be substituted for professional experience. The Library Manager's annual salary will be \$40,000 - \$44,000 based on the selected candidate's skills and experience. The compensation package also includes participation in the New York State Retirement System. The projected start date for this position will be February 14, 2021. More information about the position and the library can be found on the website: <https://www.menandslibrary.org>. Qualified applicants should submit a cover letter, resume, and contact information for three professional references to the Search Committee via email to [menandsdirectorsearch@uhls.org](mailto:menandsdirectorsearch@uhls.org). Application review will begin on **12/15/20** and continue until the position is filled.

Items to be included in the next edition of the Menands Activities dated January 1, 2021 **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IN THE VILLAGE OFFICE AFTER 9 A.M. MONDAY, December 28, 2020.** Please indicate item is for the Menands Activities.