

The News of MENANDS ACTIVITIES

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VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

The next Village Board Meeting will be held **on Monday, December 15, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.** All meetings are open to the public and are handicap accessible.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held on **Tuesday, December 16, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Village Municipal Building for the purpose of considering the following applications for a variance: Harmony Prima Lofts is requesting an area variance in connection with the pending application for Site Plan Approval for the residential conversion of the Albany International property at 1373 Broadway, Menands, N. Y. Such public hearings are open to the public and are accessible to the handicapped. All are encouraged to attend or to present comments in writing.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULES

The Village Office, Village Court and D.P.W. will be closed Thursday, December 25 and Thursday, January 1 due to the Holidays.

HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE

Due to the holidays, Thursday's recycling will be picked up on Wednesday, December 24 and December 31. Friday, December 26 and January 2 will remain the same. There will be NO special pick up on Wednesday, December 24 and December 31.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

The Village of Menands is currently accepting applications for the position of Court Clerk. The general job duties are: Functions as a member of the court staff. Work is of a highly confidential nature. This person serves as the primary clerical support for the court staff. Candidate processes a high volume of documents resulting from the issuance of citations relating to the enforcement of laws of New York State and of the jurisdiction of Menands. The work is performed under direct supervision of the Clerk of the Justice.

Qualifications: High School Graduate; ability to get along well with others; ability to understand and follow oral and written instructions; ability to write legibly; clerical aptitude; organizational skills; computer literate; working knowledge of office terminology, procedures and equipment.

35 hr. week including some evenings for court.

Anyone interested in applying for this position can submit a resume and completed application that they can request from the Village Office, 250 Broadway, Menands, N.Y. 12204. Applications must be submitted by **December 19th**.

THE YOUTH HOLIDAY PARTY

Come join us **Saturday, December 13th from 3:00-4:30** for some ornament making, lighting of trees, caroling, and a special visitor. There will hot cocoa and cookies. Please meet us outside of True Value on Broadway. The party will be on regardless of the weather. Hope to see you there! If there are any questions, please call Brianna at 469-7726

MENANDS SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Menands School Board of Education will meet on **Monday, January 12, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.**

MENANDS FIRE CO. #1, INC.

The next meeting of the Menands Fire Co. #1, Inc. will be **Tuesday, January 6, 2015 at 8:00 p.m.** All fire company members are invited to attend.

Santa in the Village

Look for Santa and his Firefighting elves as they visit the Village on **Saturday December 20th**! Children of all ages are encouraged to come out, meet Santa & his elves, and receive a treat!

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!



MENANDS FIRE CO. AUXILIARY NEWS

The next meeting of the Menands Fire Co. Auxiliary will be on **January 14, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.**

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

We continue to keep DPW Foreman Tim Boyd and his family in our thoughts and prayers as he recuperates. Cards can be mailed to the Village Office at 250 Broadway and we will forward them on to Tim.

As part of our ongoing efforts for Emergency Preparedness, an evacuation drill was conducted for the residents living on the west side of the railroad tracks between Menands and Upland Roads. Thank you to all who participated and to Chief O'Brien and Chief Franklin for coordinating this effort, as well as members of their departments and neighboring departments who assisted. Thank you also to our DPW and Trustee Nicoll for their help.

We are pleased to announce that *Sky Zone Indoor Trampoline Park* opened for business on November 26th. They are located off of Broadway at 50 Simmons Lane. Check out their website for details.

When heading to Sky Zone, take a look at the renovations *Simmons Machine Tool Corp.* has done to the exterior of their buildings. With new paint and signs the buildings look great. Other businesses upgrading their facilities include *Innovative Performance Auto* at 245 Broadway who completed exterior renovations recently. Renovations have also begun at *Peak Performance Chiropractor* office at 319 Broadway, as well as the interior fit-up at the *International Union of Painters and Allied Trades* at 191 Broadway. We are grateful to all of our businesses for their commitment and dedication to Menands. *Broadway Auto* is going solar with the installation of roof-mounted photovoltaic arrays to conserve the use and cost of energy for their building.

More on the other side.....

MAYOR'S MESSAGE (cont'd)

Menands has always been a community that does not hesitate to help others as evidenced by yet another huge success of the annual food drive sponsored by Clark Moving and Storage and Menands Cares. Food and cash donations went to local food pantries and pet supplies to the Mohawk-Hudson Humane Society. Thank you to Paul DeDominicis for once again organizing this event and to the volunteers and residents for your continued support of this endeavor.

Also congratulations on the great turn out for the kick off celebration of the newly created initiative, *Pay It Forward – Together*, to support seniors, children and teenagers, and families and individuals in crisis in the Menands and Watervliet communities. If you would like to help out or know of someone in need, send an email to payitforwardtogether1@gmail.com.

On behalf of the Village Board, I wish you a wonderful holiday season and a healthy and happy new year.

Until next time,
Mayor Meg

MENANDS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Storytime Hour will be held **each Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** at the Menands Public Library. We look forward to seeing you here!

Homework Help & Study Group

On **Thursday afternoons from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.** the Menands Public Library will be offering a Homework Help & Study Group. Volunteers from the High Schools will be at the Library to help Elementary or Middle School students with their studies.

There will be activities and games after all work is done!!! So C’mon in!!!

Menands Library Book Club

The next meeting of the Menands Library Book Club will be **Thursday, January 8, at 4:45 p.m.** in the library. If you have any questions, call the library at 463-4035.

The world famous Menands Public Library pocket calendars for 2015 have arrived. Supplies are limited so, please, one (1) calendar per card holder.

The library is located at 4 N. Lyons Ave. Menands.

For more info. you can call the library at 463-4035.

MENANDS SENIOR CITIZEN CLUB

Please remember that if the Menands School is closed due to inclement weather, then the senior gathering on Thursday is also canceled. Due to the holiday season the next Menands Senior Citizen Club meeting will be held on **December 18, 2014**. Also, there will be no senior gathering on December 25, 2014 or January 1, 2015.

We are now accepting 2015 dues, still \$5.00

Tuesday, March 17, 2015 - Irish Buffet at the Beeches Inn, Rome, N.Y. The musical skit this year is “Murphy’s Mularky.” Return approx. 5:00 p.m. Cost including driver tip is \$50/\$60.

Sunday, April 19, 2015 - Curtain Call Theatre for the play “Dinner With Friends.” This play is about you, your friends and how you change. The path you choose and the detours that make it worth the ride. Dinner will follow the show at The Century House, Route 9, Latham, N.Y. The Menu Choices are: Act One; Caesar Salad, Arugula Salad and Garden Salad. Act Two Lobster Mac & Cheese, Atlantic Salmon, Potato Wrapped Cod, Atlantic Salmon, Potato Wrapped Cod, Steak Frites and Cavatelli Bolognese. Act Three; Chocolate Mousse or Cobbler a la Mode. The cost of the trip including driver tip \$55/\$65.

HISTORIC ST. AGNES CEMETERY
Learn To Paint

No Experience Necessary. Join art instructor Noreen Powell in The Living Room Art Gallery located in St. Agnes Cemetery’s Visitor Center, 48 Cemetery Avenue, Menands, NY 12204

No investment in materials, stress-free, peaceful environment and professional instruction with a lot of individual attention.

There are still openings for the acrylic on canvas class held from **10 a.m. – Noon** on:

December 19th - Open theme painting

All materials included. Price is \$20 for 8 x 10 canvas or 2 cards and \$25 for 11 x 14.

Pre-registration required. Call Kelly at 463-0134 or email KellyAnn.Grimaldi@rcda.org

INCLEMENT WEATHER & SCHOOL CLOSINGS

When there is inclement weather, residents should tune to WGY, WROW or WTRY radio as well as TV channels 6, 10 and 13 for school closings or late openings. If the Menands School is opening later due to weather, all bus runs will be delayed in Menands. For example, if the Menands School is opening one hour late, then all buses transporting students outside the district will also be running one hour later. If the Menands School is closed due to weather, transportation to high schools and private schools will be at the discretion of the Superintendent. Also, when school is canceled during the day, after school and night activities at the school are also canceled.

If parents have changed home and/or work phone numbers or emergency contacts, please contact Menands School at 465-4561 to update contact information.

This is also an opportune time for you to sign-up for First Call notification system so that we can communicate information to you via your home phone, your cell phone, your computer, your Smart Phone and your iPad. Go to www.villageofmenands.com and follow the link to submit your contact information. Be sure to check the box to receive notifications from Menands School.

MENANDS YOUTH COMMITTEE OPEN
SCHEDULE 2014-2015

High School Age and Up – Thursday nights 8:00 – 10:00 p.m.

<u>December</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>
12/18	1/15, 1/22	2/5, 2/26	3/5, 3/12

In the event that school is closed due to inclement weather (snow day) on a Thursday, there will be no open gym that evening.

Elementary and Middle School Grades 4 through 8

Saturday	mornings	10:00	a.m.	–	12:00	noon
<u>December</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>			
12/20	1/31	none	3/14			

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Items to be included in the next edition of the Menands Activities dated December 26, 2014 **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IN THE VILLAGE OFFICE AFTER 9 A.M. Monday, December 22, 2014. Please indicate item is for the Menands Activities.**