

The News of MENANDS ACTIVITIES

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VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

The next Village Board Meeting will be held **on Monday, January 5, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.** All meetings are open to the public and are handicap accessible.

SANITARY SEWER ENGINEERING WOKSHOP

A Sanitary Sewer Engineering Workshop for Board Members will be held by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Menands in the Municipal Building of such Village on Thursday, January 8th, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. Such Workshops are open to the public and accessible to the handicapped.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULES

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

HOLDAY TRASH SCHEDULE

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

SPECIAL THANK-YOU

On behalf of the Village Board I would like to thank Santa and his helpers from the Menands Fire Dept. for spreading Holiday Cheer through the Village with music, candy canes and Santa riding on the fire truck. Thank you also to Youth Director Brianna Coughlin and her counselors, DPW, Dan Carroll and True Value Hardware for help with the Youth Holiday Party and tree lighting. It is traditions such as these that make Menands a special place to live. Mayor Meg

COIN FOR TIM'S FIRST STEP

For those of you who don't know, Village of Menands Department of Public Works Foreman Tim Boyd, was involved in an accident and is paralyzed. As you can imagine, Tim has a very tough road ahead of him and needs all of your prayers and support. We are trying to raise as much money as possible for the additional expenses that will incur beyond health care as Tim tries to get back on his feet. Unfortunately one person cannot do this alone and we need everyone's help. Whether you can donate \$1 or \$100, every dollar really does matter. Please donate whatever you can. You can make a contribution on "gofundme.com" with the title that reads "Coin for Tim's First Step". We would like to thank Village of Menands DPW employee Sean Connors for starting this fundraising effort and on behalf of Tim and the Boyd family, Thank you.

HELP FOR DAVE

Colonie EMS Benevolent Association has created a Go Fund Me donation page to support Town paramedic Dave Plouff, who lost everything in a recent house fire. Dave was also a volunteer with Riverside Volunteer Ambulance, responding to calls in Menands. To help Dave, as he has helped so many in Colonie and Menands, go to <http://www.gofundme.com/j224xc> to make an online donation or donation envelopes may be picked up at the Colonie EMS office @ 312 Wolf Road. Any questions contact Colonie EMS @ 782-2645.

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.

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.**

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 SCHOOL ANNUAL PANCAKE DINNER

Thursday, January 8, 2015

4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Come one - Come all

Fun for all

MENANDS SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

More on the other side.....

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. There will be no senior gathering on 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

Painting the Winter Blues Away

Announcing the Second Annual Art Class Series, Painting the Winter Blues Away. In The Living Room Art Gallery at Historic St. Agnes Cemetery, 48 Cemetery Avenue, Menands Professionally Guided Art Lessons by Noreen Powell. Friday Paint Club (open to new members) will meet from 10 AM - Noon on the dates listed below. Each class is limited to 15 participants. Price per class is \$20 for 8 x 10 canvas and \$25 for 11 x 14 canvas. Paints, brushes and two hours of professional instruction are included in the price. The Friday Paint Club is perfect for aspiring artists looking for structured classes with emphasis on learning color values, perspective, line and composition techniques using acrylic paints on stretched canvas. It is also perfect for beginners because classes are small, relaxed and fun! To register call Kelly at 463-0134 or email KellyAnn.Grimaldi@rcda.org.

Dates and themes are:

- January 16 - Whimsical Snowman
- January 30- Snowy Owls
- February 13 - Victorian Valentine

Writing Workshop

Love in the Time of Cancer: A Writing Workshop for Loved Ones, Family Members, Caregivers (and everyone who promised themselves they’d start writing this year!) Have you promised yourself that you will start your novel or family history this year? Maybe you’d love to do some journaling but it feels awkward. Or maybe you want to try some creative writing or start blogging. But getting started leaves you stuck? This is the workshop to get going, get unstuck and lose the fear of writing. Join Diane Cameron—writer, columnist, author—for a fun, supportive, and inspiring writing workshop on: Sunday February 15th, 1 to 3 p.m. at The Living Room Art Gallery Historic St. Agnes Cemetery Menands, NY 12204. You will laugh and write and learn to easily find your voice and your story. You’ll leave with techniques to fall in love with writing, and make it a habit. Reservations are required as seating is limited. Journaling/Writing materials will be provided. Price : \$10 To register call Kelly at 463-0134 or email KellyAnn.Grimaldi@rcda.org Visa/MC accepted.

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.

January	February	March
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

January	February	March
1/31	none	3/14

Contact information: Lorenz Herrmann, supervisor
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MENANDS SCHOOL PTA FUNDRAISERS

The Menands UFSD is presently participating in the Colonie Center School Bucks Program. Just shop, dine or go to the movies at Colonie Center now through June 1, 2015. All you have to do is bring your ORIGINAL receipts to the Guest Services Desk which is located on the lower level of the mall between CVS and Glennpeter Jewelers and our school will receive 1 School Buck Point for each dollar shown. If you forget to do this on the day of your purchase, there is a drop box located in the lobby of the Menands Elementary School or you can mail them to school in an envelope marked: Colonie Center School Bucks. If you need your receipt back, please indicate that and they will be sent home to you.
Please Note: There is only a 60 day window from the date of the purchase. So if you currently have receipts at home within the 60 day window, please bring them to Colonie Center and support your Menands UFSD.

For more details go to: www.shopatcoloniecenter.com

Thank you for your continued support to the children of your community.

Items to be included in the next edition of the Menands Activities dated January 9, 2015 **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IN THE VILLAGE OFFICE AFTER 9 A.M. Monday, January 5, 2015. Please indicate item is for the Menands Activities.**