

The News of MENANDS ACTIVITIES

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VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

The next Village Board Meeting will be held **on Monday, February 2, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.** All meetings are open to the public and are handicap accessible.

PAY IT FORWARD....TOGETHER – FUNDRAISER

A Pancake Breakfast is being held on **Sunday, February 22nd from 8 a.m. to 12 noon** at the Watervliet Elks Lodge at 501 4th Avenue. Price: \$8 Adults; 6-12 years \$5; under 5 free.

Tim Boyd, Village of Menands Department of Public Works Foreman, was involved in an accident and is paralyzed. As you can imagine, Tim has a rough road ahead of him and needs prayers and support. In an effort to help raise money for the additional expenses that will incur beyond his health care as Tim tries to get back on his feet, Pay It Forward...Together asks for your support for Tim! All proceeds go directly to Tim Boyd.

To make a monetary donation an account has been set up at Capital Communications under “Tim Boyd Fund Account”. Questions please call: 518-396-7580 or email payitforwardtogether1@gmail.com

MENANDS FIRE CO. #1, INC.

The next meeting of the Menands Fire Co. #1, Inc. will be **Tuesday, February 3, 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 **February 11, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.** We will be making Valentines to send to the Fireman’s Home in Hudson.

FATHER-DAUGHTER VALENTINE’S DANCE

The 18th Annual Father-Daughter Valentine’s Dance will be held on **Saturday, February 7, 2015 from 6 – 9 pm** at Bethany Presbyterian Church (at the corner of N. Lyons and Menands Road). This is an opportunity for fathers and ‘father figures’ to have a special and memorable evening of fun and dancing with their daughters. Professional DJ Brian Michaels will once again provide the music. Advance reservations are \$23 (per father); admission at the door is \$28. To register, please send a check for \$23 by January 31st payable to Tom Micheli at 17 South Lyons Avenue, Menands, NY 12204 along with your name and that of your daughter(s) and your contact info (address, phone, email). Free father-daughter portraits will be provided. Wrist corsages can be obtained at special pricing (\$12.50) from Laurel’s Florals (formerly JH Kenny Florists) on Broadway in Watervliet (273-0972). Please call ahead of time to reserve a corsage. We’re asking each family to bring a snack or dessert. Please call Melissa Mitchell (300-7649) about food or to help in the kitchen at the dance. If you can help decorate the (Friday) night before, please call Tom at 432-5675.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

The Menands School PTA is hosting a Spaghetti Dinner on **Wednesday, February 11 from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.** at the Menands School. The Menands School PTA supports programs and activities offered at Menands School and directly benefits the students of Menands School.

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. We are now accepting 2015 dues, still \$5.00. Our annual KFC Lunch will be held on **February 12, 2015** for all Senior Citizens who have paid their dues. Cost of lunch is \$6. Menu includes Recipe KFC Chicken Breast, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Cole Slaw, Biscuit and choice of Reese’s Peanut Butter or an Oreo’s pie slice. Please preorder and pay Dawn Primett.

MENANDS ST. PATRICK’S CLUB

The Menands St. Patrick’s Club was started in 1964 and this year marks the 51th anniversary of the club. We are looking for new club members to keep the tradition of the club alive. Come to one of our meetings and see what it’s all about. The next meeting of the Menands St. Patrick’s Club will be held on **Sunday, January 25th, at 12:00 noon** at the Menands Village Hall.

SWEETHEART BREAKFAST

All you can eat Sweetheart Breakfast, **Sunday, February 8, 2015 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon** at the Menands Firehouse. Eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage, corned beef hash, home fries, Irish Soda Bread, pastries, doughnuts, coffee, tea and juices are being offered. Cost: Adults \$7 Seniors \$6 and children 5-12 \$5. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the food pantry.

POM POMS

Any Menands girls (grade 5 & up) who wish to participate as Pom Pom girls in the Albany St. Patrick’s Parade on March 14th are asked to come to the firehouse on **Sunday, February 1st from 12:45-1:00 p.m. to sign up** or call Colleen Salisbury @ 518-542-8823 or email larrycoll@aol.com. Any grade 3 and 4 girls interested, a parent or guardian must accompany them in the parade.

MISS COLLEEN CONTEST

Any Village girl, 9th grade or older, may enter with their parent’s permission. Drawing will be held at the meeting on February 1st. Miss Colleen will represent Menands in the Albany St. Patrick’s Parade on March 14th and host the dinner dance held at the firehouse that evening. Please fill out the entry form below and mail to Menands St. Patrick’s Club, 250 Broadway, Menands, N.Y. 12204 (or drop it off at the Village Office). **All entries must be received by 4:00 p.m. on January 30th.**

MENANDS MISS COLLEEN ENTRY FORM

Name _____
Age/Grade _____
Address _____
Phone # _____
Parent Signature _____

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MENANDS PUBLIC LIBRARY

On **February 7th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** the library will be open and a local author, Pete Mason, will

be there as special guest. You will be able to meet and greet Pete from **10 a.m. to 11 a.m.** and learn about his book, “A Well Travelled Dog”.

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, February 12, at 4:45 p.m.** in the library. If you have any questions, call the library at 463-4035 or visit us at 4 N. Lyons Ave. Menands, N. Y.

Spring Movie Festival begins at 1 p.m.

February 10, 2015 – The Long Hot Summer - 1958

Directed by Martin Ritt

Drifter Ben Quick (Newman) arrives in a small sleepy town in Mississippi. He has trouble written all over him. Based on three works by William Faulkner. With Joanne Woodward (soon to be Mrs. Newman) Lee Remick, Angela Lansbury and Orson Wells.

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 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.

MENANDS SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Menands School Board of Education will meet on **Monday, February 9, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.**

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 – Thursdays 8:00 – 10:00 p.m.

<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>
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>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>
1/31	none	3/14

Contact information: Lorenz Herrmann, supervisor
Phone (518)505-7998 Email:lherrma1@nycap.rr.com

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 February 6, 2014 **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IN THE VILLAGE OFFICE AFTER 9 A.M. Monday, February 2, 2014. Please indicate item is for the Menands Activities.**

