

The News of MENANDS ACTIVITIES

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VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

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

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.

RECYCLING INFORMATION

All Recyclables can be put in one bin, nothing needs to be separated. This is due to the new company we are using for recyclables. Glass bottles and jars (all colors), Metal cans, Plastic bottles and containers, Newspapers, Corrugated Cardboard (broken down), Office Paper (all colors), Junk Mail (including envelopes and coupons), Telephone Books, Magazines & Catalogs, Computer Paper, Brown Kraft Bags, Paper Egg Cartons, Box Board (empty cereal boxes & shoe boxes) and Soft Covered Books. Anything different from what's listed above will be picked up on trash day.

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, March 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!

FISH FRY

Menands Fire Company #1 invites you to their wonderful Fish Fry Dinners on: **Friday 2/27, 3/6 and 3/27 4:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Cost \$8. Kids chicken tenders and Fries \$5. Eat in or take out. Save the Dates**

Dinner includes Fish Fry, Fries, Coleslaw, Drinks and Dessert!

MENANDS FIRE CO. AUXILIARY NEWS

The next meeting of the Menands Fire Co. Auxiliary will be on **March 11, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.** We will be having our annual Pound Party. Please bring a pound of something wrapped to be bid on.

MENANDS SENIOR CITIZEN CLUB

We are now accepting 2015 dues, still \$5.00. Our annual KFC Lunch will be held on **February 26, 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.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND Any Senior wishing to ride the Trolley in the Albany St. Patrick's Day parade, **March 14, 2015**, is welcome to join the Menands Seniors. Sign up at any Thursday gathering.

On **March 17, 2015**, we will be going to the Beeches Inn in Rome N.Y. for an Irish Buffet and musical skit "Murphy's Mularky" and bus returns approximately 5:00 p.m. Cost including driver tip is \$46.

On **March 31, 2015** we will return to try our luck at the Turning Stone Casino. Cost is \$20.

All of these events have openings. Contact Diane Leonard at 465-3771 or stop in at our Thursday gatherings.

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, February 22, at noon** at the Menands Village Hall. If you would like to march with the Menands Division in the Albany St. Patrick's Day parade please be at the village hall on March 14th by 12:45 p.m.

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 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.

If you were not able to sign-up come to the first practice, which is **February 24 at 6 p.m.**

CORNEBEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER

The Menands St. Patrick's Club Dinner-Dance will be held on **Saturday, March 14** at the Menands Village Hall. The dinner will be served from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Entertainment will be from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. Adults \$15, Seniors \$11 and Children (12 years and under) \$7. Take out is also available. If you have any questions contact Kerry Wroblewski at 436-8839.

MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE

Menands Middle School is hosting a Middle School Dance for grades 6-8 on **Friday, February 27, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.** Music will be provided by DJ Todd Moffre. Pizza and other refreshments will be served. Dress is casual and the dance is open to Menands School Students only. Flyers and permission slips will be sent home with students. For more information contact Mrs. VandenBerg or Mrs. Schroeder at 465-4561.

More on the other side.....

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!!!

Special Note Teen Book Club

Menands Public Library is starting a Teen Book Club which will meet the first Monday of each month **at 5:00 P.M.** On **Monday March 2nd** the book discussion will be on Sarah's Key by Tatiana Rosnay. All Teens are invited to join in with their comments as well as ideas for future books.

Menands Library Book Club

The next meeting of the Menands Library Book Club will be **Thursday, March 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 24, 2015 - The Hustler - 1961

Directed by Robert Rosen

Newman's first landmark role as pool shark "Fast Eddy" Felson. "With Piper Laurie, George C. Scott and Jackie Gleason as "Minnesota Fats".

March 3, 2015 - Rachel And The Stranger

Directed by Norman Foster

In Colonial America, widower David Harvey (Holden) and his son need help to make a living in the wilderness. He contracts Rachel (Loretta Young) as an indentured servant and marries her, "in name only". All goes well until Jim Fairways (Robert Mitchum) takes an interest in Rachel.

The Menands Public Library is located at 4 N. Lyons Avenue, Menands, New York. For more information you can call the library at 518- 463-4035.

HISTORIC ST. AGNES CEMETERY

Spring Flowers: Painting in the Style of Renoir with Noreen Powell

Renoir's softly blended flowers are as lovely as the promise of spring after a cold New York winter. Join Noreen as she guides you in painting techniques used by gifted impressionist painter Pierre-Auguste Renior. This workshop is suitable for all skill levels.

Saturday, March 21st from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. with catered lunch break at 12:30. \$60 includes stretched canvas, paints, brushes, four hours of professional instruction, coffee & pastries in the morning and lunch. Register early! Call Kelly Grimaldi at 463-0134 to register or email KellyAnn.Grimaldi@rcda.org.

Masterpiece Comics: Looking at Literature through the Cartoon Medium

Robert Sikoryak's slide show explores the intersection of "high art" literature and "low art" comic strips. Learn how cartoonists collaborate with great authors of our time. The comic strip is an enlightening medium for reinterpreting the great books.

Saturday, March 28th from 1:30 – 3 p.m. Free and open to the public. A \$5 donation to St. Agnes Cemetery's Arts and Humanities Programs is suggested. Seating is limited. Register by Calling Kelly Grimaldi at 463-0134 or email KellyAnn.Grimaldi@rcda.org.

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, 2015, please call Menands School at 465-4561 to register for the upcoming school year. There will be a Kindergarten Parent Information Night for parents only held at Menands School on **Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.** in the library. If you know of a neighbor who has an age-eligible Kindergarten student, please pass the word!

MENANDS SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Menands School Board of Education will meet on **Monday, March 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 – **Thursday February 26th and March 5th and 12th 8:00 – 10:00 p.m.**

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 morning **March 14, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon** Contact information: Lorenz Herrmann, supervisor Phone (518)505-7998 Email:lherrma1@nycap.rr.com

MENANDS JR. BASEBALL & SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Registration is now open online for the 2015 Season. To register or for more information, please visit our website www.menandsbaseballsoftball.org. We expect rosters to fill up quick, register today!

Items to be included in the next edition of the Menands Activities dated March 6, 2015 **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IN THE VILLAGE OFFICE AFTER 9 A.M. Monday, March 2, 2015. Please indicate item is for the Menands Activities.**