

The News of MENANDS ACTIVITIES

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VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

The next Village Board Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.** (due to the holiday). All meetings are open to the public and are handicap accessible.

VILLAGE OF MENANDS ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held on **Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.** in the Village Municipal Building for the purpose of considering the following application for a variance:

Richard Hameroff, owner of Broadway Auto clinic, is requesting a variance to install a steel storage container. 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.

John Bassett, Chairman

VILLAGE OFFICE

The Village Office, Court and DPW will be closed on **Monday, September 7**, due to the Labor Day Holiday.

TRASH SCHEDULE

There will be no trash pickup on **Monday, September 7**. Monday's pickup will be on Tuesday, September 8. Tuesday's pickup will be on Wednesday, September 9. **THERE WILL BE NO SPECIAL PICKUP ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9.**

BUILDING PERMITS

Please call the Village Building Department at 434-2922 if you are planning any construction, pool, roof or shed installation, etc. Be advised it takes approximately one week from receiving an application to the issuance of a building permit.

MENANDS FIRE CO. #1, INC.

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

MENANDS FIRE CO. #1, INC. AUXILIARY

The next meeting of the Menands Fire Co. Auxiliary will be **Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.**

BACK TO SCHOOL CLOSET PAY IT FORWARD..TOGETHER

**Saturday's 10:30 – 1:30 thru Sept. 26th
Wednesday Evenings 6-8 thru Sept. 30th
Bethany Presbyterian Church
Corner of Lyons Ave. and Menand Rd.**

(Parkside Preschool Sign outside of entrance – 2nd Floor)
Open to the public! Gently used clothing in all sizes, misc. coats and sweatshirts. Also providing new socks, t-shirts, under garments and toiletry items to those families needing some extra help in getting the kids back to school ready!
All items are free but as always, donations accepted to continue to fuel the next Pay It Forward...Together Project. Clothing, School supplies, toiletries and monetary donations are being accepted!

Pay it Forward...Together to someone today!!

Contact information: 518-396-7580

email: Payitforwardtogether1@gmail.com

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

It is hard to believe that summer is quickly coming to an end but a lot of exciting things happened over this short period of time:

The **Summer Concerts in the Park** were a great success. Despite the threat of rain every week, the concerts were well attended and the music was awesome. Thank you to the Menands Fire Co., DPW, Police, residents and the bands for supporting these events.

The **Annual Village Picnic** was also a wonderful time. It is always nice to see old friends and neighbors while enjoying a family night out. Thank you to the Menands Fire Co., Auxiliary, Library, Seniors, Youth, Village Gardener, Police, DPW, Village Board and employees for their participation in another successful picnic. I was pleased to recognize **Tim Boyd** for his 29 years of service to the Village. Tim and Melinda were happy to see so many familiar faces and we were happy to see them as well.

On August 1, the **Menands Karate Studio (Dojo)** celebrated its first year in its location in Mid City Shopping Center. Founded by Shihan (Master Instructor) Tony Butler, the program serves about 70 youngsters who are learning the basics of the martial arts. In addition, the students learn the value of discipline, hard work, the necessity of paying attention in class as well as respect for others. Albany County DA David Soares was in attendance. His office offers scholarships to those who may not be able to afford the cost of participating in the program. Thank you to Paul Reuss, Executive Assistant to the Mayor, for representing the Village at the press conference. We wish Tony and his staff all the best for the future success of the program.

On August 7th, Paul Reuss, Lyle Darmetko and I attended the ground breaking ceremony at **Dutch Village** for the new apartment buildings. The site work is continuing and the foot print of the first building has been laid out. This project is moving right along.

Work continues on **The Lofts @ Albany International**. The new windows look amazing. I look forward to another tour of the building as progress is made.

Family Dollar is also moving forward. With the framework of the building in place, work on the facade has begun. The Grand Opening won't be far away.

Several streets in the S. End of the Village were paved and infrastructure work continues on the water distribution system along VRB. There are always inconveniences during any construction projects and I thank the residents for their patience during these times.

Congratulations to the **Pay It Forward Together** committee for another wonderful community program. The **Back to School Closet** is located at Bethany Church and provides clothing, school supplies and toiletries to those in need. This group is such a great asset to our local communities.

Congratulations also to Menands resident Joe Legnard for the success of his recent **Fuel For School Food Drive**. With over 1,000 lbs of food collected that will go a long way to refill the shelves of the Capital District Food Pantries as the kids get ready to head back to school.....(Continued on other side)

I had an opportunity to attend opening night of ***Zombie Apocalypse***, located at 21 Simmons Lane. Talking to folks after, who had the full experience of hunting zombies with laser tag weapons through a haunted house while trying to avoid being bit, said it was cool and left their hearts racing. For the Zombie enthusiasts check out their event dates and information for purchasing tickets at www.albanyapolcalypse.com. Best of luck to owners Ron Young and Jeremy Hammond for a successful endeavor.

This past May, Menands resident and youth counselor, **Catherine Price** graduated from Russell Sage College with her Bachelor’s in Nursing. Traditionally the Bachelor’s program takes four years to complete, however Catherine was able to complete it in three years. She graduated *Summa Cum Laude* with a 4.0 GPA, was inducted into the Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society and was also inducted into the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society at Russell Sage. She recently passed her Nursing Boards and is now officially working as an RN in the Surgical Intensive Care Unit (SICU) at Albany Medical Center. She plans to continue her education to become either a Nurse Practitioner or Nurse Anesthetist. Congratulations Catherine on a great achievement and best wishes in your future.

I would like to thank **Colonie Town Supervisor Paula Mahan** for once again joining me in a project for the betterment of our residents. In an effort to increase the safety of crossing Broadway near Village One Apts., the Town and Village are working together with Kathy Seymour from National Grid to upgrade the lighting in that area. With the road work on Broadway expected to continue next Spring, NYS DOT will include a cross walk, which along with the enhanced lighting will create a safer environment for pedestrians. I appreciate the support of Supervisor Mahan, National Grid and DOT on various projects that we have collaborated on during my time as Mayor.

With school starting soon please be mindful of stopped school buses and kids crossing streets. Best wishes to the students, teachers, faculty and administration for a safe and productive school year. Until next time, Mayor Meg

FANTASTIC FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 3rd from 12 noon to 5 p.m. rain or shine to benefit Derek Murphy. We would love your help, everyone is welcome! Still needed: Vendors, tables only \$25, Volunteers, donations, raffle prizes. Tickets for the Cow Flop Contest are still available and only \$10. To help or purchase tickets contact Denise (465-8841), Mary Beth (852-9827) or website: fantasticfallfestival@gmail.com

MENANDS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Starting in September, **Story Time will be moving to Thursday’s at 1:30p.m.**
Our Homework Help group will resume on Thursday afternoons at 4:00 p.m.
The Teen Book Club will resume the first Thursday of each month at 5:00 p.m.
The Menands Public Library adult book club will meet **Thursday, September 10 at 4:45 p.m.** The club will be discussing “After the Funeral” by Agatha Christie.
Summer Reading Program certificates and prizes were given to all our Summer Readers. Congratulations to all those who participated. You are all SUPER HEROES!
Summer Contest winner for the “Name Our Mascot” entry is EINSTEIN, submitted by anony-mouse.
Fall Film Festival Presents Audrey Hepburn and Grace Kelly. All Movies start at 1 p.m.

September 15th - Sabrina - 1954

Directed by Billy Wilder

Sabrina (Ms Hepburn) goes off to Paris an ugly duckling and returns a swan. With Humphrey Bogart, William Holden and what become known as the “Sabrina “Dress”.

HISTORIC ST. AGNES CEMETERY

Upcoming events offered in The Living Room Art Gallery located in the Visitors Center, Historic St. Agnes Cemetery, 48 Cemetery Ave., Menands
To register call Kelly at 463-0134 or email KellyAnn.Grimaldi@rcda.org
Coming soon:
Sept. 11 - Jackson Pollack’s American Flag
Sept. 18 - Gustav Klimt’s Garden
Sept. 19 – A Lesson in “Abstract Expressionism with artist Kathleen Crotty
Sept. 25 - Vincent Van Gogh’s Wheatfields

MENANDS SENIOR CITIZEN CLUB

Thank You, Sharon Murphy, for baking the beans sold at the Menands Village Picnic. They were delicious!!!
Thank You Also, Carol Blaauboer, Ginny McCabe, Denise Stangle and Sharon Murphy for serving the beans.
SENIOR EXERCISE: Josephine Wells is back leading exercises every Thursday morning, except the third Thursday of the Month. Exercises begin at 10:15 a.m. All paid members are welcome to participate.
On **Tuesday, October 13, 2015**, we will go on a tour of West Point, lunch at The River Grill and a scenic cruise on the Hudson River aboard the Dusty Rose paddleboat. Cost is \$55/\$65.
Attention: The Senior fiscal year runs from January 1 to December 31. Menands Senior dues are \$5.00. You may pay your dues for 2016 starting September 1, 2015. Dues must be paid before signing up for any of the senior trips. More Info. Contact Diane Leonard at 465-3771.

MENANDS SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Menands School Board of Education will meet on **Monday, September 14, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.**

<u>MUMS</u>	<u>MUMS</u>	<u>MUMS</u>
Menands School PTA is accepting orders for beautiful florist size MUM Plants – Available in yellow, white, burgundy, purple, pink and orange (rust) - \$9.00. For Pre-order please call Joe or Christina Pustay at 449-8344 or email them at jpustay@nycap.rr.com or pick up an order form in the Menands School Office. Pick-up is Thursday, September 17th between 3 and 6:30 p.m. in the Menands School Parking Lot.		

THANK-YOU

The **Fuel For School** food drive conducted by Joe Legnard, a Menands resident and Associate Broker with Keller Williams Capital District was a huge success. Eleven hundred pounds of food was collected to help replenish the supplies of the Food Pantries of the Capital District, depleted after the summer long meal program for kids, in time for the up-coming school year. Once again, I wish to express my sincere thanks to all of the following: Keller Williams Capital District, Prospect Lending and most especially to Paying it Forward Together and all the volunteers and residents of the Village for the extremely generous donations of time and food to assist those in need. Your kindness and generosity during this event were overwhelming and greatly appreciated.
Thank You All,
Joe Legnard

Items to be included in the next edition of the Menands Activities dated September 18, 2015 **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IN THE VILLAGE OFFICE AFTER 9 A.M. Monday, September 14, 2015. Please indicate item is for the Menands Activities.**