

The News of MENANDS ACTIVITIES

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VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

The next Village Board Meeting will be held on **Monday, June 20, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.** All meetings are open to the public and are handicap accessible.

SPECIAL PICKUP

For a "special pickup" you must CALL the Village Office (434-2922) by Tuesday at 3 p.m. If a holiday is observed during the week, there will be no special Wednesday pickup.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE 2016

You must pre-register by calling Toll-Free 1-800-494-2273 Monday – Friday 9 – 5 p.m. Reservations are accepted no sooner than 30 days prior to the scheduled drop off day. Residents of the Town of Colonie will be accepted by appointment only. Proof of Residency will be required at the time of disposal.

PARK PROGRAM

You can now access the Menands Park Program summer packet on the Menands School Website and the Village of Menands website. There are limited copies available at the Village Office. If you have questions, please call 518-469-7726 or email dibiaseb455@strose.edu

MENANDS FIRE CO. #1, INC.

The next meeting of the Menands Fire Company #1 will be held on **Tuesday July 5, 2016, at 8:00 PM** at the Firehouse. All members are encouraged to attend.

MENANDS SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Menands School Board of Education will meet on **Monday, July 11, 2016, at 6:30 p.m.**

MENANDS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Ice Cream Social and Book Sale June 18th at 1 p.m.

Menands Library will be holding their annual Ice Cream Social and Book Sale on **Saturday, June 18th at 1 p.m.** Performance and balloon animals by Mr. Magicman, ice cream donated by Stewart's and lots of gently used books to choose from! Take the opportunity to sign your child up for the summer reading program as well!

Story Time - Story Time is held at 1:30 p.m. every Thursday afternoon (before the Library opens) and at 1:00 p.m. every other Saturday.

The Teen Book Club will meet the first Thursday of each month at 5:00 p.m.

The Adult Book Club will meet the second Thursday of each month at 5:00 p.m. (Please note the time change.)

Our Homework Help group meets on Thursdays at 4:00 p.m. The Menands Public Library is located at 4 N. Lyons Avenue, Menands, New York. For more info. call 518-463-4035

SAVE THE DATE

The 4th Funtastic Fall Festival to benefit Derek will be **Saturday, October 1st** in Ganser Smith Park. Have ideas? Want to be a vendor? Want to donate? Call Lynda Long at 466-1625 or Denise Stangle at 465-8841 for information. Or like us on Facebook for updated information.

ALBANY EVENING GARDEN CLUB

On **June 14th 2016**, the garden club will meet at Carol Blaauboer's house at 1:30 p.m. to go and view some gardens in the area.

STORMWATER NEWS - JUNE, 2016

The Village of Menands has been designated a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) community for the past several years. The Village has also been a member of the Stormwater Coalition of Albany County since 2008. The Coalition is comprised of eleven municipal members and the University at Albany and helps support the program at the local level. In order to help educate the public about the permit requirements of the MS4 program, we will be posting periodic articles on stormwater management. These articles will discuss stormwater issues that will help inform and benefit our residents and business owners. In this way, we will provide information about stormwater and its effect on the environment and what the Village is doing to develop an effective stormwater management program.

What is Stormwater?

Stormwater is water from rain or melting snow that doesn't soak into the ground but runs off into waterways. It flows from rooftops, over impervious surfaces such as driveways and roadways, bare soil, and through sloped lawns picking up a variety of contaminants on its way. As it flows, stormwater runoff collects and transports soil, animal waste, salt, pesticides, fertilizers, oil and grease, debris and other potential pollutants. After these contaminants are carried away by stormwater runoff, which is essentially untreated water, they are discharged into the bodies of water that we use for fishing, swimming and drinking water.

Why Should I Care?

Polluted stormwater can contribute to a number of significant water quality concerns including a buildup of an excessive amount of nutrients in the water supply and the development of bacteria and other pathogens.

What Can Be Done?

In 2003, Congress amended the Federal Clean Water Act to include stormwater discharges from construction sites disturbing more than one acre of land and discharges from publicly owned stormwater conveyance systems in urbanized areas as a regulated activity. Such discharges are unlawful unless authorized through the State Pollution Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) permit program which is administered by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

The Village of Menands is an operator of a municipal separated storm sewer system (MS4) and therefore must comply with the appropriate Federal and State regulations dealing with stormwater. The eleven MS4 communities in Albany County agreed to form the Stormwater Coalition of Albany County via an intermunicipal agreement to pool resources so that Coalition members can adequately implement MS4 permit requirements. The coalition is governed by a Board of Directors whose members are appointed by each municipal government.

The establishment of the Coalition has enabled the Village to meet its obligations under the MS4 Program in an economical and efficient manner. The Coalition provides technical assistance, field surveys of outfalls, and coordination of the Joint Annual Report to NYSDEC. More information is available at the Coalition website which can be accessed at www.stormwateralbanycounty.org. The 2016 Annual Report is available on the Coalition website as well.

In future articles, we will be telling you more about the nature of stormwater, how it can be managed and what you should know about preventing stormwater runoff pollution.

THE COLOR PURPLE

St. Joan of Arc/Black Catholic Apostolate Church is planning a bus trip to NYC to see "The Color Purple", **Sunday, October 15, 2016**. Cost of trip \$110. Includes bus trip, driver tip, show ticket and a small church donation. Call Lucie at 518-463-0489 to reserve a seat. Everyone is welcome to come!

MENANDS SENIOR CITIZEN CLUB

Picnics:

On **June 16, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.** we will have our annual Club Picnic at Ganser-Smith Park Pavilion, Menands. Bingo starts at 10:00 a.m., coffee and donuts will be served. A buffet lunch will be catered by Poppy’s Place. It will consist of Marinated Chicken Breast, Potato Salad, Macaroni Salad, Fruit Salad, rolls and butter. Coffee, iced tea, lemonade and strawberry shortcake for dessert. Paul Slusar will provide music for toe-tapping. There will be a share the wealth drawing, bring a lawn chair for added comfort. Please make reservations and pre-pay \$15. Deadline is this week.

On **August 10, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.** the annual Seven Clubs Picnic will be held at the Polish American Center at 110 Commerce Avenue, Albany, N.Y. Tickets are \$15 and can be obtained from Mary Magguilli at any of our Thursday gatherings. Make checks payable to the SENIOR CLUBS IN COLONIE. Handicapped parking will be available, if you have the appropriate permit.

Trips:

On **Tuesday, July 19, 2016** we will leave at 6:30 a.m. for Lake Placid Marina & Boat Tours. Lunch at the Lake House Restaurant at High Peaks Resort. Time for leisurely shopping or walking. Return home around 7:00 p.m. Payment is due and there are six seats available for this trip. Cost \$40/\$50.

On **July 27, 2016** we will leave at 3:00 p.m. for Yanni’s Too, Waterfront Restaurant, Coeymans Landing Marina for dinner. After dinner we will have reserved seating at the Washington Park Playhouse for the hit musical, “Chicago”. Cost TBA.

On **August 16, 2016** we will leave at 7:30 a.m. to try out luck at the Turning Stone Casino in Verona, N.Y. We will receive \$20 Bingo Bucks or \$25 Free Play and a \$5 Food Credit. Cost of Trip \$20.

On **September 11, 2016** we will be returning to Hampton Beach, New Hampshire for a wonderful SEAFOOD Festival. Craft Fair, Cooking demonstrations, Free entertainment at the Seashell. Cost \$20. Purchases are on your own.

On **October 4, 2016,** we will leave at 7:00 a.m. for the Salem Witch Museum in Salem, MA. Lunch at Finz Seafood Restaurant. After lunch we will take a scenic bus ride along the seashore via Gloucester and Rockport, MA. Cost \$38/\$48.

On **November 9, 2016** we will return to the Westchester Broadway Dinner Theatre to see “Saturday Night Fever” featuring vibrant choreography and everlasting hits of the Bee Gee’s. Cost of Trip \$57/\$67.

Please reserve for our trips as early as possible to ensure seating. Money is not needed until 30 days before the actual trip date. But, of course, if you need to cancel, let us know immediately.

THIS IS NOT A SENIOR TRIP

On **September 19 – 22, 2016** we will depart early morning for four days and 3 nights in Niagara Falls, Canada. Staying at the Four Point Sheraton Hotel, featuring an indoor swimming pool and an enclosed walkway to the Fallsview Casino! We will go on the Horn Blower Cruise, see Niagara Sky Wheel, Niagara Butterfly Conservatory. Guided tour of Niagara Falls, Niagara Park Greenhouses, Victoria Park, Table Rock House, Guided Tour of Toronto with Parliament Buildings, Casa Lorna Mansion, Chinatown, the financial District, Niagara on the Lake and Duty Free Shop. Cost includes 3 Full Breakfasts at the Hotel, 1 Dinner, 1 Dinner and a Show. All Gratuities for Meals, Bus Driver and Tour Guides are included in the \$539 per individual/double occupancy, \$699 single, \$529 per individual/triple occupancy. Trip Insurance is available.

Border Crossing: A valid Passport or Enhanced Driver’s License is required. Everyone is Welcome! For Reservations please call: Diane Leonard at 465-3771.

For those members who signed up for the **September 19, 2016** Niagara Falls trip, a \$30 deposit is required before reservations can be made. Please pay this as soon as possible.

HISTORIC ST. AGNES CEMETERY

The Living Room Art Gallery located in Historic St. Agnes Cemetery is now accepting reservations for two art classes coming up in July: **Romancing the Landscape: Painting in the Style of the Hudson River School** With Karen Hummel. This class offers painters of all skill levels the opportunity to experience landscape painting with emphasis on the iconic style of Hudson River School artists. The instructor for this class regularly participates in plein air painting workshops held on the grounds of Olana - the 19th century home of one of America’s best known landscape painters - Frederic Church. She will instruct you in the use of water soluble oil based paint and acrylic on canvas. All materials are provided. Class will be held outside weather permitting in a comfortable, shaded area. Comfort facilities are located in our Visitors Center. In the event of rain we will paint in The Living Room Art Gallery in the Visitors Center. Easels, paint, canvas and brushes included. **Saturday, July 16th 10 AM - 3 PM** Price of \$75 includes coffee, juice, fresh baked goods in the morning and catered lunch served at noon. **Call Kelly at 463-0134 to register.**

Bountiful Bouquet of Summer Flowers with Susan Beadle, Susan Beadle’s flowers painted on canvas are so fresh and beautiful they invite you to pick them! She is an accomplished artist offering to share her techniques in paint so that you too can create a lovely floral arrangement on canvas. This workshop will include a 16 by 20 inch canvas, water soluble oil paints and brushes, four hours of instruction, morning coffee and fresh baked goods and a catered lunch served at noon. We will paint in The Living Room Art Gallery. **Saturday, July 30th 10 AM - 3 PM** Price of \$75 includes all art materials, refreshments and lunch. Call Kelly at 463-0134

SCHUYLER FLATTS BURIAL GROUND PROJECT

On **June 5th, 2005** construction work in the Town of Colonie, NY (Route 32 near Menands/Watervliet) revealed an unmarked burial ground. Archaeologists discovered 13 sets of remains plus another set of remains was found in 1998. A total of 14 individuals were discovered. In 2010, bioarchaeological analysis was completed by the NYS Museum. The analyses determined that the remains are about 200 years old and represent 6 women, 1 man, 2 children, and five infants. The burial ground was dated between the 1700s and early 1800s. Historical research indicates that the burial ground was part of a large estate owned by the colonial Schuyler family who owned a number of slaves in the 18th and 19th centuries.

The time has come to bury these individuals with dignity and respect. The Schuyler Flatts Burial Ground Committee welcomes the public to join us in honoring these people, by attending these upcoming events:

June 17th 2016 12pm-8pm - *The remains will Lie in State* Schuyler Mansion State Historic Site, 32 Catherine St, Albany, NY

June 18th 2016 11am-12pm *Burial Ceremony* St Agnes Cemetery, 48 Cemetery Ave (off Broadway), Menands, N.Y.

Items to be included in the next edition of the Menands Activities dated June 24, 2016 **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IN THE VILLAGE OFFICE AFTER 9 A.M. Monday, June 20, 2016. Please indicate item is for the Menands Activities.**