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MENANDS MONTHLY

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Public Safety: Last year, the Governor and both the Senate and Assembly agreed to allow municipalities to reduce their local traffic speed limit to 25 MPH from 30. A professional engineering study must be completed to evaluate the impact and provide recommendations before the local government body votes to create a local law reducing this speed limit. I asked our Village Board to authorize this engineering study, and that report is now complete. They DO recommend our Village-owned streets be reduced to 25 MPH. I will vote to establish a new law supporting this change. Our neighborhood streets will be safer with this speed reduction. The Village will have a public hearing in April to get comments on this new law. The safety of our residents, children, and pets is absolutely worth this effort. I hope you agree. Please check out our webpage, MenandsNY.gov, for a link to the study.



IMPORTANT VILLAGE NEWS AND DATES

- Park rental reservations began Monday, March 16, 2026, at 8:00 AM. If you would like to secure a rental, the following items are required: a completed rental application, a certificate of insurance, the rental fee, and the security deposit.
- The Village of Menands will no longer be renting out the dumpster. Additionally, Special Pickup will be moved to once a month on the second Wednesday of each month. You will no longer need to call. There are fines for putting out prohibited items, which will not be collected. <https://menandsny.gov/departments/departments-of-public-works/refuse/trash/>
- We would like to thank everyone who joined the Menands St. Patrick's Club for their corned beef and cabbage dinner event, as well as those who joined the Village and the Menands Public Library for the Easter Storytime and Crafts event.
- Water meters will be read for the period on May 1st. If you do not currently have a radio meter and require a manual reading, you will be charged a \$50 manual reading fee.
- Applications for the Summer Park Program are available to be picked up from the Village Office; the program will begin July 6th.
- There will be a Public Hearing regarding the 2026-2027 Budget, which will be held on Monday, April 6, 2026, at 6:00 P.M. in the Village Municipal Building located at 250 Broadway. To view via Google Meets, please use the following link: meet.google.com/mre-txbp-btk. Such public meetings are open to the public and are handicap accessible, and all are encouraged to attend.
- The continuation of the South End Infrastructure Upgrade Project is set to begin by April 1st.
- The Village of Menands was awarded two AEDs from the Village's Workers Comp PERMA. The AEDs will be placed within the village hall and the other will live in the village office.
- Enrollment for the 2026 Menands baseball season is now open for Tee Ball (4-6 years), Minor League (6-8 Years) and Major league (9-12 Years). We are also now hiring concession stand workers and umpires for the 2026 season. Please visit www.menandsbaseball.com to enroll and any questions can be sent to Karyn Long at menandsbaseball@gmail.com or 518-496-2411.

SAVE THE DATE FATHER–DAUGHTER FANCY SCHMANCY DANCE

Father figures and daughters are invited to a fun and festive Fancy Schmancy Dance on Saturday, May 2, 2026, from 4:00–6:00 p.m. at the Menands Firehouse (upstairs) 250 Broadway. Families from any community are welcome to attend. Dress in your fanciest outfits and enjoy an afternoon of music, refreshments, and time together. The cost is \$25 per family, and guests are encouraged to bring a dish to share if possible. RSVP in advance by texting 518-423-1595, emailing kelleylemyre11@gmail.com, signing up online, or paying at the door. Anyone unable to attend due to financial reasons is encouraged to reach out.

EVERBRIDGE NOTIFICATIONS FOR VILLAGE EMERGENCIES AND EVENTS

Get alerts about emergencies, other important community news, and events by signing up for our Everbridge Emergency Alert Program. This system enables us to provide you with critical information quickly in a variety of situations, such as severe weather, unexpected road closures, missing persons, watermain breaks, and building or neighborhood evacuations. You will receive time-sensitive messages wherever you specify, such as your home, mobile, or business phones, email address, text messages, and more. You pick where, you pick how. Go to the Village of Menands Website (www.menandsny.gov) or call the Village Office at 518 434-2922. The Village also uses Facebook to share information, though not all emergencies may be shared on social media.

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK (MAY 4-8)

Menands School is seeking community support for Teacher Appreciation Week (May 4-8) as we celebrate the dedication and care our teachers show every day. Local businesses and community members can help by donating food, gift cards, prizes, or monetary contributions to support daily treats, games, and special activities for staff throughout the week. Sponsors may also choose to support a specific day's events. As a thank-you, donors will be recognized on the school sign and website. If you are interested in contributing or have questions, please contact Brette Bateman, bbateman@menands.org

CAPITAL DISTRICT REGIONAL MARKET IN MENANDS

The Capital District Regional Market is now accepting vendor applications for the 2026 farmers market season at the Menands Market Pavilion. Both returning and new vendors are invited to take part in another exciting year of local food, products, and community. Several seasonal options are available, including full-season, spring, summer, and single-day vendor opportunities. Those interested in participating can apply online to reserve a spot for the upcoming market season at bit.ly/Farmers-Market-Application-2026. The Maple Syrup festival will be taking place in the Menands Market Pavilion on Saturday, April 18th, from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

FROM AROUND THE VILLAGE

Village resident Vicki Bentley and her daughter recently released a children's book inspired by her daughter's experiences with Autism and ADHD, with the themes of inclusivity, acceptance, and friendship called *Not Sorry to Be Me*. "We hope that through this story we can show children that we have each been created with a unique voice and perspective and should never have to apologize for simply being ourselves. When we are willing to view the world through a different lens, learn from one another, and embrace the gifts we each have to offer, it can be life-changing for all involved." We congratulate Vicki and her daughter for creating such a wonderful book, and those interested can find said children's book on Amazon.



Vicki and her daughter sharing their new book *Not Sorry to Be Me* during a local storytime.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MENANDS RESIDENTS MELVIN BROWN AND RYAN BUSKEY

We would like to congratulate Melvin Brown, a senior guard at Shaker High School, who was been named to the NewsChannel 13 Rensselaer Honda High School Boys All-Star basketball team as well as Ryan Buskey who won a Division 1 state championship in the 1,600-meter relay as well as the won the boys' high jump title!

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Police, Fire, and EMS	911
Menands Police Non- Emergency	518 463-1681
Menands Fire Department	518 463-9494
Menands DPW	518 434-2922
Menands Village Office	518 434-2922
Menands Building/Code Enforcement	518 434-2922
Menands School	518 465-4561
Menands Public Library	518 463-4035
Town of Colonie	518 783-2700
Colonie Supervisor	518 783-2778
Colonie Town Clerk	518 783-2734
Colonie Assessor	518 783-2701
Colonie Community Development	518 783-2718
Colonie Senior Resources	518 459-5051
Colonie Historian	518 782-2601
Colonie Police, Fire, and EMS	518 783-2711
Colonie Animal Control	518 783-2711
Colonie Landfill	518 783-2827
Colonie Tax Department	518 783-2730
Albany County	518 447-7000
Albany County Board of Elections	518 487-5060
Albany County Clerk	518 487-5100
National Grid	800 642-4272
Spectrum Cable/Internet	518 869-5500
Poison control	800 222-1222
St Peters ER	518-525-1324
Albany Med ER	518 262-3131
Memorial ER	518 471-3221
Samaritan ER	518 271-3300
Colonie Town Court	518-783-2714



SIMPLE WAYS TO STAY SAFE

“Residents are encouraged to place outgoing mail in an official blue USPS Post Box rather than leaving it in a personal mailbox overnight. You may also leave your outgoing mail in the designated outgoing pile at the Village Office. Taking these precautions helps ensure your mail reaches its destination safely. Residents are also encouraged to stay mindful of everyday safety by locking vehicle doors, removing valuables from sight, and remaining cautious of phone calls, emails, or messages requesting personal or financial information that may be scams. A few simple precautions can help keep both your information and property secure

MENANDS MONTHLY CONTENT

If you have content you feel would add to the Menands Monthly, please send your items to the Communications Coordinator, Jason Carnegie, at jcarnegie@menandsny.gov for consideration. Items must be sent before the 1st of the previous month to meet the printing deadline. This current issue marks the one year anniversary since we have been sending the updated Menands Monthly!



Postman Arthur “Art” Micare receiving a proclamation for over 30 years of service as a faithful letter carrier, with 15 of those years within the Village of Menands

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CALENDAR**



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APRIL 2026

MENANDS ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			01	02 RECYCLING 9am Seniors	03 YARD WASTE	04
05	06 REGULAR TRASH 6pm Village Board Meeting 7pm Fire Dept Drill Night	07 REGULAR TRASH 7pm Fire Company Meeting	08 SPECIAL PICK UP 6:30pm Auxiliary Meeting	09 RECYCLING 9am Seniors	10 YARD WASTE	11
12	13 REGULAR TRASH 7pm Fire Dept Drill Night	14 REGULAR TRASH	15	16 RECYCLING 9am Seniors	17 YARD WASTE	18
19	20 REGULAR TRASH 6pm Village Board Meeting 7pm Fire Dept Drill Night	21 REGULAR TRASH	22	23 RECYCLING 9am Seniors	24 YARD WASTE	25
26	27 REGULAR TRASH 6:30pm Library Board Meeting 7pm Fire Dept Drill Night	28 REGULAR TRASH	29	30 RECYCLING 9am Seniors		