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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

As we prepare our financial plan for the next fiscal year, the Village of Menands faces both structural and near-term financial challenges that will require careful management.

First, the Village is facing ongoing budget pressure, including a \$518,440 legally required payment from the general fund to the sewer fund, accumulated over a decade. Addressing this may require tax increases, one-time adjustments, or service changes—none of which are easy.

Second, the Village has limited financial flexibility, with a long-standing reliance on fund balance to support annual budgets. This has reduced our ability to respond to emergencies and must be corrected.

Third, personnel costs—especially salaries, pensions, and health benefits—continue to rise and make up a large share of the budget. These are necessary to maintain our workforce, but inflation remains a challenge.

Fourth, we face significant infrastructure needs, including major upgrades to water and sewer systems and improvements to municipal buildings. While projects like the South End Infrastructure Project help, these investments carry long-term costs.

Finally, Menands relies heavily on property and sales taxes, limiting revenue flexibility.

In summary, we face a tight fiscal environment requiring disciplined budgeting and difficult decisions to maintain stability. I remain committed to strengthening the Village for the future.

I am always available to answer questions you may have. Just make an appointment at the Village Office.



THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!

We would like to thank everyone for your continued support of our Village-wide events and organizations including the Menands St. Patrick's Club's Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner, The Friday Fish Frys supporting the Menands Fire Department and the Easter Storytime and Crafts event with support from the Menands Public Library. Be sure to follow us and these other organizations on social media to find out more about upcoming events!



Mayor Brian Marsh is joined by Albany Mayor Dr. Dorcey Appllys, U.S. Representative Paul Tonko, New York State Senator Patricia Fahy and selected St Patrick's Day Parade participants

CONGRATULATIONS TO MENANDS SCHOOL STUDENTS

Congratulations goes out to Menands School student Mohamed Elhadi for winning the Menands School spelling bee for grades four through eight and representing the Menands School District at a regional qualifier for the Scripps Regional Spelling Bee. We would also like to congratulate Astrid McNamara, who took first place, and to Nila Saravan, who earned second place in the local Elks Americanism Essay Contest.

WELCOME BROADWAY NAILS

We would like to welcome Broadway Nails to 291 Broadway right here in Menands. Be sure to stop by, say hello, and support this new neighborhood business!

2026 SUMMER CONCERT SCHEDULE

The Summer Concert series is returning on Tuesdays from 6 pm - 8:30 pm in Ganser Smith Park this July and August. Food and beverages will be available for purchase (Cash and Venmo) by the Menands Fire Co. Bring your lawn chair and join us for an evening of great music and fun, while spending time with friends and neighbors! The full schedule of preformed concerts is listed below:

- July 7th - New York Players
- July 14th - Lustre Kings
- July 21st - Get Up Jack
- July 28th - The Ultimates
- August 4th - Tame the Rooster
- August 11th - Hammerhead Horns

Also be sure to save the date for the Village's Community Night: August 19th where we will be joined by Roadhouse 60's which is sure to be a great time!

HELP SHAPE THE MENANDS PUBLIC LIBRARY'S FUTURE

The Menands Public Library is developing its long-range plan, and inviting community members to share their ideas, feedback, and priorities.

You can join a small group discussion and help guide the future of the library on Zoom April 28 at 5:30 PM and in-person: April 29 at 5:30 PM. Space will be limited so please register ahead of time at bit.ly/3qf8hzy

Along with the joining the discussions you can take a short community survey and tell the library what matters most to you. That survey can be found here: bit.ly/4sfahiq and is open until June 1st, we thank you for helping the library better serve the Menands community! You can learn more on facebook.com/Menands.Library

NICHE'S 2026 BEST PLACES TO LIVE

The Village of Menands earned top recognition in Niche's 2026 Best Places to Live rankings, placing 3rd in the Capital Region. The rankings evaluate over 18,000 communities nationwide using federal data and resident feedback, considering factors like cost of living, schools, safety, and job opportunities, highlighting Menands' strong quality of life.

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 Pet Connection with Steve Caporizzo will be in the Menands Market Pavilion on Saturday, May 9th, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The full market season begins May 2nd and runs every Saturday (10:00am - 2:00pm) through October 31st, we hope to see you there supporting local!

CONGRATULATIONS TO KRIS' MID CITY TAVERN

Congratulations to Kris' Mid City Tavern on celebrating 7 years of operation in the Village of Menands! Your welcoming atmosphere has made you a valued part of the village, here's to many more years of success!

MENANDS STORYWALK - ON THE SAGE ESTATE TRAILS

Enjoy the beautiful weather and take a walk through the Menands StoryWalk® on the Sage Estates Trail! The book currently installed on the trail is "Duck on a Bike" by David Shannon. Before the May installation, students in our StoryWalk® Club read the book and created some engaging questions to probe your reading. Thank you to Menands Public Library and the Menands School for your continued support in this community collaboration!

CONTINUED CONSTRUCTION ON THE SOUTHEND PROJECT

We want to thank everyone for their continued patience and understanding as the South End Infrastructure Upgrade Project continues throughout 2026. While construction may occasionally lead to minor inconveniences such as traffic delays, detours, or temporary disruptions, every effort is being made to minimize impacts and keep the project moving forward efficiently.

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 Town Court	518-783-2714
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



SIMPLE WAYS TO STAY SAFE

Living in a small village offers a strong sense of community, but taking a few simple precautions can go a long way in keeping everyone safe. Lock your doors and vehicles, even when you're home or running a quick errand, and keep valuables out of sight. Stay aware of your surroundings, especially at night, and report any suspicious activity to local authorities. Getting to know your neighbors and looking out for one another helps build a safer, more connected community. Small actions like these make a big difference in maintaining safety and comfort.

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!



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MAY 2026

MENANDS ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					01 LEAF / BRUSH PTA K-5 Dance	02 Farmers Market 10am Father Daughter Dance
03	04 REGULAR TRASH 6pm Village Board Meeting 7pm Fire Dept Drill Night	05 REGULAR TRASH Teacher Appreciation Day 7pm Fire Company Meeting	06 Humane Society Closed	07 RECYCLING 9am Seniors	08 LEAF / BRUSH	09 Farmers Market 10am
10 MOTHERS DAY	11 REGULAR TRASH PTA Book Fair 7pm Fire Dept Drill Night	12 REGULAR TRASH PTA Book Fair	13 SPECIAL PICK UP PTA Book Fair 6:30pm Auxiliary Meeting	14 RECYCLING PTA Book Fair 9am Seniors	15 LEAF / BRUSH PTA Book Fair	16 Farmers Market 10am PTA Book Fair
17	18 REGULAR TRASH 6pm Village Board Meeting 7pm Fire Dept Drill Night	19 REGULAR TRASH	20	21 RECYCLING 9am Seniors	22 LEAF / BRUSH	23 Farmers Market 10am
24	25 MEMORIAL DAY 6:30pm Library Board Meeting	26 REGULAR TRASH	27 REGULAR TRASH	28 RECYCLING 9am Seniors	29 LEAF / BRUSH PTA Multicultural Festival	30 Farmers Market 10am
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