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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

It is with profound sadness that the Village of Menands mourns the tragic passing of seven-year-old Harbe Nagi. On behalf of the Village Board, our police and fire departments, and all Village employees, I extend our deepest condolences to Harbe's family and loved ones during this unimaginable time.

Over those several days, our community came together with extraordinary compassion and determination in the hope of bringing Harbe home safely. While our hearts are broken, the kindness, generosity, and unwavering support shown throughout this tragedy reflect the very best of our Village.

We are deeply grateful to the Menands Police Department, Menands Fire Department & Auxiliary, New York State Police, New York State Forest Rangers, the Albany FBI Office, the Albany County Sheriff's Office, Colonie Fire Command, neighboring police and fire agencies, search teams, volunteers, and the countless residents who gave their time, resources, and support throughout the search. The professionalism, dedication, and compassion demonstrated by everyone involved will not be forgotten.



Harbe Nagi

Our hearts remain with Harbe's family, both here and abroad, as they grieve this devastating loss. We ask everyone to continue keeping them in their thoughts and to respect their privacy during this incredibly difficult time.

This tragedy has touched not only Harbe's family, but also the first responders, volunteers, neighbors, and community members who searched tirelessly in the hope of bringing him home safely. Their commitment came from a place of genuine care, and this loss weighs heavily on many. Please continue to extend them the same kindness, respect, and appreciation they demonstrated throughout those difficult days.

In moments like these, we are reminded that Menands is more than a village—it is a community that stands together in times of heartbreak. As Mayor, I could not be prouder of the compassion, professionalism, and teamwork displayed throughout our community. I only wish the outcome had been different.



A MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE TO OUR COMMUNITY

Over the past several months, our Village has faced moments of both challenge and heartbreak. Throughout these difficult times, the strength, compassion, and resilience of the Menands community have been evident in countless acts of kindness, support, and generosity. We are deeply grateful to our residents, neighboring municipalities, first responders, volunteers, local organizations, and everyone who has stood beside our Village.

We would also like to extend a special thank you to The Daughters of Charity, 98 Menand Rd, for their generous donation in support of the Menands Fire Department following the fire at the firehouse. Their kindness, along with the support of so many others, has helped strengthen our community as we continue to recover and move forward together.



Fire Chief Dave Ognan and Mayor Brian Marsh receive a check from Sr. Maura Hobart from the Daughters of Charity.

SUMMER SAFETY

As warmer weather and summer vacation continue, more children are outside riding their bikes, walking, and playing throughout the Village. We ask all motorists to continue to slow down, stay alert, and watch carefully for children who may enter the roadway unexpectedly. A few extra seconds of caution can help prevent a tragedy. With the Village's new 25 mph speed limit now in effect, reducing your speed can make a significant difference in keeping our children and pedestrians safe.

Summer also typically brings an increase in vehicle break-ins. Many of these incidents involve unlocked vehicles. Please help protect your property by locking your vehicle doors, removing valuables from plain sight, and never leaving your keys or key fobs inside your vehicle.

Together, we can all do our part to keep our community safe and enjoyable throughout the summer.

MENANDS FARMER'S MARKET

The Capital District Regional Market is in full swing with their Saturday Farmers' Market. Visit the market on Saturdays between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm to support local vendors and join in on the fun. You can view the extended calendar and special events at cdregionalmarket.com/farmers-market/ and be sure to check out Corn Fest & Pet Adoption Clinic w/ Steve Caporizzo on August 15!



Mayor Brian Marsh joins Assemblyman Phil Steck at the Capital District Regional Market for the certificate presentation given to Capital District Regional Market's Board President Timothy Stanton, Board Member Matt Brizzell, and Administrator Nicole Burke.

CAPITAL DISTRICT REGIONAL MARKET RECOGNITION

We want to congratulate the Capital District Regional Market on being added to the New York State Historic Business Preservation Registry. Since 1933, the market has been owned and operated by the farmer, for the farmer, and currently supports over 100 cooperative members.

2026 SUMMER CONCERT SCHEDULE

The Summer Concert series continues on Tuesdays at Ganser Smith Park through August. Food and beverages are 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 remaining schedule of preformed concerts is listed below:

- 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!

MENANDS DPW REMINDER

Please ensure that your trash and recycling are placed at the curb by 7:00 AM. The DPW will not be able to return if you put items out after they have passed by. Cardboard should be put out on recycling day (Thursday), and all trash containers should be returned to an out-of-sight location promptly. Further information about the trash schedule and prohibited items can be found at bit.ly/MenandsRefuse



Newly installed lettering at Ganser Smith Park.

BUILDING PERMITS

Before undertaking any renovations to your home, please contact the Building Department at 518-434-2922 to verify if a Building Permit is required. Failure to obtain the proper permit(s) may result in a fine. Visit menandsny.gov/departments/building-department/

EPA'S "GET THE LEAD OUT" (GLO) INITIATIVE

We appreciate all of the residents who have assisted with our joint effort with the EPA's "Get the Lead Out" (GLO) initiative. Your support enables the Village to pursue future grant funding. menandsny.gov/lead/

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



SUMMER PARK PROGRAM 2026

The Summer Park Program is in full swing at Gansemer-Smith Memorial Park and continues until August 18th. We've had a great season so far, and we want to thank all of our park counselors, supervisors, and all the children who have joined us for the summer or just for one day. The calendar for the rest of August can be viewed at bit.ly/MenandsParkProgram

A SPECIAL VISIT FROM MENANDS SCHOOL

Here at the Village Office, we had the pleasure of welcoming the 2nd Graders from Menands School! The students met the Mayor and learned a little more about local government as they were guided on a tour of the building by Clerk Don Handerman.

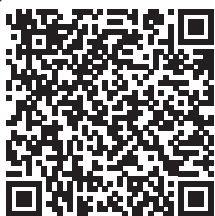
MENANDS MONTHLY CONTENT

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.



Menands School 2nd-graders visit the Village Office to learn about local government.

**SCHOOL
CALENDAR**



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AUGUST 2026

MENANDS ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						01 Farmers Market 10am
02	03 REGULAR TRASH 6pm Village Board Meeting 7pm Fire Dept Drill Night	04 REGULAR TRASH 7pm Fire Company Meeting 6pm Concert in the Park with Tame the Rooster	05	06 RECYCLING 9am Seniors	07 LEAF / BRUSH	08 Farmers Market 10am
09	10 REGULAR TRASH 7pm Fire Dept Drill Night	11 REGULAR TRASH 6pm Concert in the Park with Hammerhead Horns	12 SPECIAL PICK UP 6:30pm Auxiliary Meeting	13 RECYCLING 9am Seniors	14 LEAF / BRUSH	15 Farmers Market Corn Fest 10am
16	17 REGULAR TRASH 6pm Village Board Meeting 7pm Fire Dept Drill Night	18 REGULAR TRASH	19 Village Community Night at Ganser Smith Park with Roadhouse 60's	20 RECYCLING 9am Seniors	21 LEAF / BRUSH	22 Farmers Market 10am
23	24 REGULAR TRASH 6:30pm Library Board Meeting 7pm Fire Dept Drill Night	25 REGULAR TRASH	26	27 RECYCLING 9am Seniors	28 LEAF / BRUSH	29 Farmers Market 10am
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