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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Village Financial Update

The Village of Menands made significant progress toward improving its financial position during the 2025–2026 fiscal year.

For the fiscal year ended May 31, 2026, the Village reduced its operating deficit from more than **\$518,000 in the prior fiscal year to just over \$70,000**—an improvement of approximately **86 percent**.

This progress was achieved through disciplined financial management, careful monitoring of departmental budgets, prudent expenditure decisions, and the implementation of cost-saving measures. At the same time, the Village continued to provide the essential municipal services our residents rely on.

While there is still work to do, the results of the 2025–2026 fiscal year demonstrate that the corrective measures undertaken by the Village Board and administration are producing **measurable progress**. Our goal remains clear: to continue strengthening the Village's financial position, maintain responsible fund balances, and put Menands on a stronger financial footing for the future.

As we move through the 2026–2027 fiscal year, we are continuing to take a conservative and thoughtful approach to spending. At the same time, we remain committed to maintaining the programs and services that contribute to the quality of life in Menands. **Parks, youth programs, public works, and public safety continue without disruption**, while we make careful adjustments where necessary to remain fiscally responsible.

Our work is not finished, but we are moving in the right direction. I am proud of the progress we have made and grateful to our residents for their confidence, patience, and understanding as we continue this work together.

— Mayor Brian Marsh



THANK YOU FOR A WONDERFUL SUMMER PARK PROGRAM!

As another successful summer comes to a close, the Village of Menands would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Brianna Coughlin and Maeve Tobler, whose dedication and leadership helped make this year's Summer Park Program a memorable experience. From planning activities and organizing schedules to creating a safe, welcoming, and fun environment each day, their hard work throughout the summer was truly appreciated.

We would also like to recognize our outstanding park counselors, whose enthusiasm, patience, and commitment helped make each day enjoyable for the children. Their energy and positive attitudes played an important role in the program's success.

Finally, thank you to all of the children and families who participated in the Summer Park Program. Your excitement, laughter, and community spirit are what make this program so special year after year. We hope everyone made lasting memories and friendships, and we look forward to seeing you again next summer at Ganser-Smith Park!



Mayor Brian Marsh visits the Menands Summer Park Program's Pizza Party Day

MOHAWK HUDSON HUMANE SOCIETY RECEIVES MAJOR INVESTMENT AND LAUNCHES “HIDDEN GEMS” ADOPTION PROGRAM

The Village of Menands is pleased to recognize the continued efforts of the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society in serving both animals and families throughout the Capital Region.

Recently, the organization announced they are receiving \$1.2 million in state funding to support the proposed Behavioral Rehabilitation and Outreach Center (BROC). This exciting investment will help expand behavioral rehabilitation for shelter animals, increase humane education and community outreach programs, strengthen resources that help keep pets with their families, and provide flexible emergency sheltering during disasters and other community emergencies.

MHHS has also introduced its new Hidden Gems Sponsored Adoption Program, an initiative designed to help long-term shelter residents find the loving homes they deserve. Through generous support from longtime volunteer Mary Carey and Steve Caporizzo's Pet Connection and Lisa Cap's Legacy, adoption fees and the cost of care are covered for animals that have been at the shelter for 100 days or more. The program shines a spotlight on pets who may have been overlooked but have received extensive care, enrichment, and training while waiting for the right family.

If you have been considering adding a pet to your family, now may be the perfect time to meet one of these special “Hidden Gems” and provide them with the forever home they have been waiting for.

MENANDS FARMER'S MARKET

The Capital District Regional Market is open to the public with their Saturday Farmers' Market. Visit the market at 381 Broadway 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/

Be sure to stop by Muscle Cars on September 19th and Apple Fest on September 26th before the three big weekends in October, including Pet Adoption Clinic w/ Steve Caporizzo on October 10th, Pumpkin Fest on October 24th, and Trunk or Treat on October 31st!

SUMP PUMP REMINDER

Please check your sump pump to ensure it is not discharging directly into your regular sewer line; it must be discharged into your yard or storm drain. If your sump pump is currently going into your sewer, that is in violation of Village and NYS stormwater code. When the sump pump is pumped directly into the municipal sewer system, it increases sewer costs because of the increased flow rate and associated charge from Albany County Sewer District. If you have any questions, please contact the Village office, and we can have someone from the water department reach out to you.

GOOD LUCK, STUDENTS! AND A SCHOOL BUS REMINDER!

As another school year begins, we would like to welcome back all of the students, teachers, and staff at Menands Union Free School. A special welcome goes to the students and families joining our school community for the first time, and best wishes to those beginning an exciting new chapter at the local high schools. We hope the year ahead is filled with learning, growth, friendships, and success.

Also, with school being in session, please be cautious and keep an eye out for children. In New York State, illegally passing a stopped school bus, particularly when the red lights are flashing, comes with serious consequences. This can include fines between \$250 and \$1,000, possible jail time (up to 30 days for a first offense and up to 180 days for repeat offenses within three years), and points added to your driver's license. Under New York State law, drivers must stop from both directions when a school bus has its red lights flashing and its stop arm is extended. Keep students safe!



The EPA's Get-the-Lead-Out (GLO) team joined the village for the Get Up Jack concert, which was held at the Menands Market Pavilion.

2026 MUNICIPALITY CONSERVATION ASSISTANCE GRANT FUNDING

Mayor Brian Marsh recently announced that we have been awarded a \$40,000 Municipality Conservation Assistance Funding grant from the Albany County Soil and Water Conservation District. With this funding, we can continue our “Retention Basin Eco-Restoration & Stormwater Stabilization” project and re-establish the bio pond/stormwater detainer in the Village of Menands, which will help restore vital flood mitigation and water cleansing, remove invasive plants, and revitalize the native vegetation that naturally manages water.



Trackside Honey and A Charles Brizzell Farm & Greenhouses, LLC selling their products and produce to concert goers.

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



MENANDS PUBLIC LIBRARY

There's always so much going on at the Menands Public Library; you can view the current and upcoming events here at: menandslibrary.org. Join them this September for Storytime with Ms. Sherry on Mondays and Fridays from 11:30 am–12:00 pm, Badminton Class at 6:15 pm–6:45 pm on Thursday, and their Board of Trustees meeting on Monday, September 28, 2026, from 6:30 pm–7:45 pm.

MENANDS ST. PATRICK'S DAY CLUB CRAFT VENDOR FAIR

Sunday, September 20th from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm, the Menands St. Patrick's Day Club will be holding a Craft Vendor Fair down at the Capital District Regional Market space located at 381 Broadway. Join them for vendors, crafts, food trucks, raffles, and fun!

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.



Rendering of the new Welcome to Menands signs that are going up around the village.

**SCHOOL
CALENDAR**



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SEPTEMBER 2026

MENANDS ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		01 REGULAR TRASH 7pm Fire Dept Drill Night	02	03 RECYCLING 9am Seniors	04 LEAF / BRUSH	05 Farmers Market 10am
06	07 LABOR DAY VILLAGE CLOSED	08 REGULAR TRASH 6pm Village Board Meeting	09 REGULAR TRASH 6:30pm Auxiliary Meeting	10 RECYCLING 9am Seniors First day for Menands School	11 LEAF / BRUSH	12 Farmers Market 10am
13	14 REGULAR TRASH 7pm Fire Dept Drill Night	15 REGULAR TRASH	16 SPECIAL PICKUP	17 RECYCLING 9am Seniors	18 LEAF / BRUSH	19 Farmers Market 10am
20 Menands St. Patricks Day Club Craft Vendor Fair 11am-3pm	21 REGULAR TRASH YOM KIPPUR 6pm Village Board Meeting 7pm Fire Dept Drill Night	22 REGULAR TRASH	23	24 RECYCLING 9am Seniors	25 LEAF / BRUSH	26 Farmers Market 10am
27	28 REGULAR TRASH 6:30pm Library Board Meeting 7pm Fire Dept Drill Night	29 REGULAR TRASH	30			