

The News of MENANDS ACTIVITIES

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VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

The next Village Board Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. due to the holiday.** All meetings are held at 250 Broadway in Menands and are open to the public and are handicap accessible.

HOLIDAY OFFICES SCHEDULE

The Village office, court and D.P.W. will be closed on Monday, December 25, 2017 and Monday, January 1, 2018 due to the Holidays.

HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE

Monday's trash on December 25, 2017 and January 1, 2018 will be on Tuesday, December 26, 2017 and Tuesday, January 2, 2018. Tuesday's trash will be on Wednesday, December 27, 2017 and Wednesday, January 3, 2018. There will be no special pick-up on Wednesday December 27, 2017 or Wednesday January 3, 2018. Recycling will be the regular Thursday schedule on these weeks.

ACTIVITIES IMPROVEMENT

If you would like to receive the Menands Activities electronically rather than through the mail, please e-mail your request to activities@villageofmenands.com Please include your name, address and e-mail address.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

I am always grateful for the commitment and hard work of our departments. This was evidenced again during a structure fire in the Village on December 7th. The MFD, and other mutual aide departments, responded quickly, resulting in no injuries or damage to homes. The fire was thankfully contained to the loss of one garage and damage to three others. Additionally, the MPD assisted and the DPW responded to three water main breaks caused by the heavy volume of water used to extinguish the fire. The dedication of these departments in providing a safe environment for all who live and work in Menands is commendable. My sincere thanks to all who responded and to the residents for their concern and understanding during this emergency event.
Mayor Meg

MENANDS FIRE CO. #1, INC.

The next meeting of the Menands Fire Company #1 Inc. will be held on **Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 8:00 P.M.** at the firehouse. All members are encouraged to attend.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Please join the Menands Fire Company and American Cancer Society Relay for Life "Team Courage" for a Spaghetti Dinner on **Thursday, January 12, 2018** from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Menands Firehouse, 250 Broadway. Cost for adults is \$10, seniors \$8, children (13u) \$5. Take-out will be available. Proceeds to benefit the Menands Fire Company and the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Any questions, please contact Theresa at (518)207-6859 or tessmontanye@gmail.com.



MENANDS FIRE CO. #1, INC. AUXILIARY

The next meeting of the Menands Fire Co. #1 Auxiliary will be at **6:30 P.M. on Wednesday, January 10, 2017** at the Village Hall located at 250 Broadway, Menands. Following the meeting we will have a wine and cheese tasting.

FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE

Please save the date: **February 10, 2018** from 6pm-9pm at the Bethany Presbyterian Church on the corner of North Lyons and Menands Rd. Fathers, father figures, and your beautiful daughter(s) of all ages, come enjoy an evening of fancy outfits, live entertainment, tasty treats and more. Look for more information in the next newsletter. If you are looking to volunteer please contact Jennie Pearsall at (605)-484-6548 or Kelley Lemyre at (518)-423-1595, feel free to call or text.

THIS IS NOT A SUBSIDIZED TRIP

You do not have to be a senior. The trip is not funded by the Town or Village. On **October 15-20, 2018** there will be a trip to Nashville, Tennessee featuring the Grand Ole Opry. 6 Days and 5 Nights. 5 Nights lodging, 6 Breakfasts, 3 Dinners, including the Nashville Nightlife Dinner Theater Spectacular performances at the Grand Ole Opry and Texas Troubadour Theater, guided tour of Nashville, including the Parthenon Country Music Hall of Fame, Self-guided tour of Ryman Auditorium, RCA Studio B Tour, Johnny Cash Museum, Souvenir gift, Luggage handling in Nashville, Taxes and meal gratuities and Motor coach transportation. Cost \$750. For more information contact Diane Leonard 518-465-3771.

2018 TRIPS PLANNED

MARCH 17, 2018, Saturday, "RIDE THE TROLLEY," in the St. Patrick's Parade, Albany, NY. After the parade, enjoy a corned beef and cabbage dinner and Irish entertainment at the Menands Fire Hall, Sponsored by the Menands St. Patrick's Club.

MARCH 21, 2018, Wednesday, Westchester Broadway Theater. "A CHORUS LINE," a celebration and true-to-life story depiction of performers and their struggle to achieve greatness on the Broadway stage. Its powerful stories are touching, funny, inspiring and relatable to anyone with a passion for performing. Musical numbers include: "I Can Do That," "At the Ballet," "The Music and The Mirror," "What I Did for Love," "One Singular Sensation," and "I Hope I Get It." Dinner and show only \$59/\$69.

MAY 16, 2018, Wednesday, Westchester Broadway Theater, "SISTER ACT." Hilarious story of a disco diva whose life takes a surprising turn when she witnesses a murder. Under protective custody, she is hidden in a convent. Disguised as a nun, Delores directs the choir and helps her fellow sisters find their voices. A tribute to the universal power of friendship, sisterhood and music. Dinner and a Show, only \$59/\$69.

You can now sign up for any of the 2018 trips. Please reserve for trips as early as possible to ensure seating. This can be done at any of our Thursday Gatherings or call Diane Leonard, 518-465-3771. If you need to cancel, immediate notification is appreciated. Payment will be collected later as needed to secure the venue.

The next meeting of the Menands Senior Citizen Club will be **December 28, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.**

More on the other side.....

MENANDS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Story Time - is held at 10:30 a.m. every Thursday
On every Wednesday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. is Tech Advice Night at the library with our resident digital native, Ted. Can't figure out how to set up your new phone? Want to know what's using up your data plan? Don't know how to get pictures onto your computer? Appointments not necessary, but recommended, call the library to make one.

The Menands Public Library is located at 4 N. Lyons Avenue, Menands, New York. For more info. call 518-463-4035.

MENANDS SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

The next meeting of the Menands School Board of Education will be held on **Monday, December 11, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.**

PAINTING THE WINTER BLUES AWAY 2018 WITH NOREEN POWELL

Professional art instructions will help you paint the winter blues away in the relaxing, warm and friendly atmosphere of The Living Room Art Gallery located in Historic St. Agnes Cemetery's (Menands) Visitors Center. No experience necessary. All art supplies are provided. Each class features a different subject and style to help aspiring artists learn a variety of techniques using paint on canvas. Classes are structured to provide a lot of one on one interaction between instructor and student. Come and let your creativity shine! Prices are \$20 for an 8 x 10 canvas or \$25 for an 11 x 14 canvas unless noted otherwise. Call Kelly Grimaldi at 518-350-7679 or email KellyAnn.Grimaldi@rcda.org to register.

- Jan. 12 10 AM – Noon: Painting in the style of Gustav Klimt
- Jan. 19 10 AM – Noon: Paul Klee's Wonderfully Strange Creatures
- Jan. 26 10 AM – Noon: Popping up Poppies
- Feb. 9 10 AM – Noon: Wild Roses
- Feb. 23 10 AM – Noon: Twilight in the Wilderness

- Mar. 9 10 AM – 1 PM: Lilies on a Pond (palette knife techniques in acrylic and oil) \$45
 - Mar. 23 10 AM – Noon: Afternoon on the Water (in the style of Monet)
- Coffee, tea and delicious snacks are provided for each class. Baked goods from the famous Schuyler Bakery, Watervliet included



MENANDS JUNIOR BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

Recently, people using social media, have commented about the absence of a great opportunity for our children. Menands Junior Baseball/Softball league CAN RETURN with your help. We need a team of volunteers to revive this fun activity for the youth of Menands. Whether you have only a little time

or a lot of time to give, there is an opportunity for YOU to give our local kids the BEST baseball and softball experience! The league is volunteer driven, and cannot survive without dedicated volunteers. From the Board of Directors to Team Parents, it's the generosity of people like YOU who make this organization a positive experience. Find a role that resonates with you and get involved. Together, everyone achieves more! The first step is to form a NEW Board of Directors to review the history of this once great organization and work with the community to recruit volunteers to fill the needed roles, dust off the equipment, and start the next generation of Menands Junior Baseball/Softball. If you are interested in bringing this once great league back to our village and park please contact Steve Boulet at: sboulet73@yahoo.com for more information.

MENANDS YOUTH COMMITTEE OPEN GYM SCHEDULE 2017-2018

High School Age and Up
 Thursday nights 8:00 – 10:00 p.m.

| <u>January</u> | <u>February</u> | <u>March</u> |
|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 1/4, 1/11 | 2/1, 2/8 | 3/1, 3/8 |

In the event that school is closed due to inclement weather (snow day) on a Thursday, there will be no open gym that evening.

Elementary and Middle School
 Grades 4 through 8

Saturday mornings 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

| <u>January</u> | <u>March</u> |
|----------------|--------------|
| 1/27 | 3/3, 3/10 |

There will be no open gym sessions during the month of February. Contact information: Lorenz Herrmann, supervisor Phone (518) 505-7998 Email: lherrmal@nycap.rr.com

FIELD GOODS BACK TO SCHOOL PROMOTION

Fresh Food from Small Farms! Now would be a great time to try a Field Goods Subscription! As a back to school promotion, the Menands PTA will earn \$5 for every new subscriber. Contact: info@field-goods.com to learn more.

MENANDS SCHOOL SEEKING PER DIEM SUBSTITUTES

The Menands School, a K-8 community school, is seeking substitutes for the following positions.

- . Teachers & Teaching Assistants \$86 per day
- . Cafeteria Monitors \$10.40 per hour
- . Custodial \$13 per hour

If you are interested in working on an as needed basis, in a small caring school community, send a letter of interest and/or resume highlighting your qualifications to Dr. Maureen A. Long, Superintendent of Schools, 19 Wards Lane, Menands, NY 12204 or via email to mlong@menands.org.

MENANDS UFSD POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

The Menands UFSD is in the second year of a comprehensive review of their Board Policy Manual. The Policy Committee will next meet on **Wednesday, January 3 at 4:30 P.M.** at the Menands School. The meeting is open to the public.

THANK YOU

Menands Cares and Clark Moving and Storage of Albany would like to thank all village residents for making the 10th annual Fill the Mayflower Food Drive an overwhelming success. As in past years your generosity has helped support Food Pantries in Menands/Loudonville, Watervliet, Latham and Albany and make the Holidays a little brighter for those less fortunate.

Items to be included in the next edition of the Menands Activities dated January 5, 2018 **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IN THE VILLAGE OFFICE AFTER 9 A.M. Tuesday, January 2, 2018. Please indicate item is for the Menands Activities.**