

# The News of MENANDS ACTIVITIES Published by the Village of Menands



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# VILLAGE OFFICE

Due to the increasing cases of COVID-19, effective Wednesday, December 2, 2020, the Village of Menands Offices will be closed to the public. If you should require anything from the Village Office you are encouraged please email Clerk Handerhan to at (handerhand@villageofmenands.com) or phone the office (518-434-2922) instead of appearing in person. If there is a need to come into the Office it will be by Appointment Only. To make an appointment please call (518) 434-2922. This is for the safety of our staff and the public. If you should need to drop anything off to the Village Office please use the Dropbox to the left of the door. Please stay safe.

## **HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

The Village office, court and D.P.W. will be closed on Monday, January 18, 2021 due to the Martin Luther King Holiday. Monday's trash on January 18, will be on Tuesday, January 19. Tuesday's trash will be on Wednesday, January 20. There will be no special pickup on Wednesday, January 20. Recycling will be the regular Thursday schedule on this week.

#### VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

The next Village Board Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 19, 2021 due to the Martin Luther Holiday on the 18th.** The meeting will be held virtual google meet starting at 6:00 p.m. The Governor may extend it again. This will be posted on the Village Website. If you have any questions or would like to submit a question or statement ahead of time to be read into the record at the meeting, please email Clerk Don Handerhan no later than January 19, 2021oon at handerhand@villageofmenands.com

## VILLAGE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS <u>& SNOW REMOVAL</u>

To provide you with the best service possible, the Department of Public Works (DPW) would like to remind everyone that your cooperation is needed during the winter months for proper plowing, salting and snow removal. If you have a driveway or an off street parking space, please use it during the winter months and especially during a snow or ice storm as vehicles parked on the street hinder plowing operations. Please do not put snow in the streets once the plows have gone through. Additionally, anything that you might have in the Village's right-of-way, such as a basketball hoop, should be moved and stored for the winter. The Village will not be responsible for damage to any items left in the Village's right-of-way. In the event that a snow emergency is declared, details will be provided to local news stations, on the Village website and through our emergency alert system.

# **QUIET ZONE IMPLEMENTATION NOTICE**

The Village has been engaged in the process of establishing a Partial Quiet Zone for railroad crossings on Cemetery Road, Menand Road, Brookside Avenue and Simmons Lane. We are pleased to notify you that the Partial Quiet Zone will take effect on December 7. 2020. When the Partial Quiet Zone is implemented, trains will no longer sound a warning horn when approaching these intersections between the hours of 10:00 pm and 7:00 am except in emergency situations.

In preparation for the establishment of the Partial Quiet Zone, the Village evaluated each railroad crossing and installed new striping and signage. Each railroad crossing is now equipped with stop bars, railroad crossing striping, railroad crossing signage and Quiet Zone signage which reads:

#### NO TRAIN HORN 10 PM – 7 AM

Residents are advised to observe the new striping and signage and to exercise caution at railroad crossings particularly during the new Quiet Zone hours. The Village is glad for the opportunity to work with

Canadian Pacific Railroad to safely introduce the Partial Quiet Zone to the benefit of Village residents.

Please contact the Village Clerk at 518-434-2922 with any questions about the Partial Quiet Zone implementation.

## HONORING THOSE WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY

The Village of Menands is rich with pride and gratitude for the men and women who serve our country in the military. To honor both veterans and active duty members of all branches of our armed forces, we would like to join other communities in displaying banners of those who serve. An original picture of any size is needed and will be returned. The cost per banner is \$165.00. For more information on participating in this program, contact the Village Office @ 518-434-2922.

#### MENANDS FIRE CO. #1. INC.

The next meeting of the Menands Fire Co.#1, Inc will be held on **February 2, 2021** virtually at the firehouse (not in-person). Meeting time is 8:00 p.m.

#### Be a Hydrant Hero!

Help us Help you and adopt a hydrant! If you see a hydrant covered in snow, and you are able to clear it out, it would be much appreciated! Your 10 minutes today will save us precious minutes during an emergency!



More on the other side.....

## MENANDS SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

The next virtual meeting of the Menands School Board of Educ. will be held, Monday, February 8, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

## **THEY'RE BACK**

The World famous Menands Public Library pocket calendars for 2021 are now available!! Yes, 2020 is almost over, finally. Pick up your 2021 calendar and step into what has to be a better future! Remember supplies are limited. One calendar per card holder.

#### MENANDS PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Menands Public Library resumed regular operating hours, but Covid-19 protocols will still be enforced. Patrons over the age of two will be required to wear a mask, maintain social distancing and allowed to use our computers for one hour. Only ten patrons at a time will be allowed in the library. The library hours are: Monday and Wednesday 12 noon to 8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday 12 noon to 5 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Closed Sunday.

## **SENIOR CLUB NEWS**

2021 MEMBERSHIP CARDS HAVE ARRIVED AND THEY ARE FREE TO ALL PAID 2020 MEMBERS!! Debbie is mailing the 2021 card to all paid members on the 2020 roster.

When you receive them, put them in your blue Town of Colonie lanyard for safe keeping. You will need them once the pandemic is over. Any questions, call Debbie Teitsch at 518-487-4583.

Items to be included in the next edition of the Menands Activities dated January 29, 2021 WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IN THE VILLAGE OFFICE AFTER 9 A.M. MONDAY, January 25, 2021. Please indicate item is for the Menands Activities.