



The News of MENANDS ACTIVITIES

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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 to please email Clerk Handerhan 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.

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

The next Village Board Meeting is scheduled for **Monday, February 1, 2021**. 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 **February 1, 2021 noon** at handerhand@villageofmenands.com

VILLAGE OF MENANDS ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A Public Hearing will be held on **Thursday, February 4th, 2021 at 6:00 P.M.** via Google Meet; meet google.com/ksr-ggej-xaq or join by phone (US) +1 218-301-8537 (PIN: 9051430250) for the purpose of considering the following application for a variance: Kevin and Tracy Condon, 19 North Lyons Avenue are seeking relief from setback requirements of Chapter 169 Attachment 2, Schedule B: Rear Setbacks-Principal Building of the Menands Village Code. Such public hearings are open to the public and are accessible to the handicapped. All are encouraged to attend or to present comments in writing.

John Bassett, Chairman
Zoning Board of Appeals

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Village office, court and D.P.W. will be closed on **Monday, February 15, 2021** due to the President's Day Holiday. Monday's trash will be on **Tuesday, February 16**. Tuesday's trash will be on **Wednesday, February 17**. **There will be no special pick-up on Wednesday, February 17**. Recycling will be the regular Thursday schedule on this week.

VILLAGE OF MENANDS ELECTION

The General Election for the Village of Menands will be held on **Tuesday, June 15, 2021** between the hours of 12:00 noon and 9:00 P.M. at which time the Village Justice and two Trustees are to be elected for a four-year term to commence pursuant to law upon their qualifications and no earlier than July 5th, 2021.

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.

VILLAGE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS & SNOW REMOVAL

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.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

The Town of Colonie is releasing Program Year 2021 funding applications for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). It is anticipated that total 2021 funding will be approximately \$425,000 in federal monies including \$325,000 in block grant funds and \$100,000 in HOME funds for use on projects that are eligible under the Community Development Block Grant and HOME Programs and were prioritized in the Five Year Consolidated Plan adopted June 4, 2020. These funds may be used for any eligible project located in the Town of Colonie, Village of Colonie, and Village of Menands. Organizations wishing to apply for this funding may obtain funding applications by clicking on the attachment provided or, by emailing commdev@colonie.org, or by calling 518-783-2718. **Completed funding applications must be submitted to the Community Development Department no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, February 19, 2021.** Funding applications can be emailed to commdev@colonie.org. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Colonie Town Hall is currently closed to the public and town departments are open by appointment only. Those wishing to drop off the funding application must call the Community Development Department to make arrangements 518-783-2718. For an Application please call the Village at 518 434-2922.

More on the other side.....

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!

FIRE COMPANY FISH FRY DINNERS ARE BACK FEBRUARY 2021!!! FISH FRY DINNERS WILL BE PRE-ORDER AND TAKE OUT ONLY. MORE DETAILS TO COME.

THANK YOU

On behalf of the Menands Fire Department and the Menands Fire Company, I would like to personally thank everyone for their generous donations to our 2020 Annual Fund Drive. I know these are difficult times for everyone and your contributions are greatly appreciated. If you did not make a donation, and wish to, please submit to the Menands Fire Co. #1, 250 Broadway, Menands, N. Y. 12204. Thank you again and Happy New Year.

Michael Mackay
President, Menands Fire Co. #1

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.

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 February 12, 2021 **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IN THE VILLAGE OFFICE AFTER 9 A.M. MONDAY, February 8, 2021.** Please indicate item is for the Menands Activities.