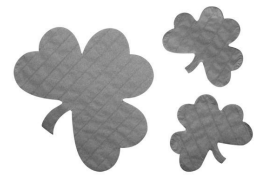




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VILLAGE OFFICE

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 Don 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 **March 15, 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 **March 15, 2021 noon** at handerhand@villageofmenands.com

PRACTICE REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Menands Comprehensive Police Practices Review Committee (MCPPRC) is requesting feedback from the community on their committee report, which can be accessed on the Village of Menands website www.villageofmenands.com. If you have any suggestions or comments, please fill out the **online form on the Village Website**, or you may pick-up a hard copy at the Village of Menands Police Station at 250 Broadway, Menands NY and submit comments. Mail to: MCPPRC, Megan Grenier, Mayor 280 Broadway Menands, NY 12204. **The public will have an opportunity to offer feedback until Friday, March 12, 2021.** We look forward to your comments.

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 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. Absentee ballot applications are available at the Village Office and on the Website. Absentee Ballot applications are to be returned to Menands Village Office. You postmark, email or fax a completed application or letter request for the Village Election Absentee ballot no later than 7 days (June 11, 2021) before the election. (Please be aware that despite the above deadlines, the Post Office has advised that they cannot guarantee timely delivery of ballots applied for LESS THAN 15 DAYS BEFORE AN ELECTION.)

MENANDS FIRE CO. #1. INC.

The next meeting of the Menands Fire Co.#1, Inc will be held on **April 6, 2021** virtually at the firehouse (not in-person). Meeting time is 8:00 p.m. **The fish fry dinners have been canceled.**

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!

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.

PARK RESERVATIONS

2021 Ganser Smith Park reservations began March 2, 2021 (subject to public health officials' guidelines). To reserve the Park between May 1, 2021 and October 31, 2021 (weather permitting), please contact the Village Office at (518)434-2922 for instructions on reserving the park this year, as they may be different from other years due to the pandemic.

To reserve the park, you must be a resident or business within the Village of Menands. The rental fee is \$50.00 plus \$100.00 deposit (the deposit is refundable if rules and regulations are adhered to). The \$150.00, application and a Certificate of Insurance from your Homeowners, Renters or business insurance policy (as outlined on reservation application) must be submitted to secure your reservation. Park reservations are on a first come, first serve basis. **Reservations are subject to cancellation or modification in compliance with NYS guidelines**, (with a full refund), to ensure public health and safety. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Village Office at (518)434-2922.

MENANDS SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

The next virtual meeting of the Menands School Board of Educ. will be held, **Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.**

More on the other side.....

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration for September 2021 begins in March. Children are eligible to register for kindergarten if they will turn five **before** December 1, 2021. Please visit our website to complete the "Kindergarten Registration Fall 2021" survey to start the registration process or call 518-465-4561 ext. 215 and speak with our registrar, Ms. Calderon. You can also visit our website, www.menands.org for more information. Our principal, Mrs. Cannavo and our kindergarten team, will hold a **virtual kindergarten information night on Wednesday, March 3rd at 6 pm.** The link to join the information night will be available on our website on March 3rd.

MENANDS SCHOOL PTA

HELLO MENANDS! Our Menands School PTA is holding a virtual 5k in May! You do not have to attend the school or be a member to participate and the best part is that you can do it ANYTIME IN MAY! To register please visit <https://menandsschool.memberhub.store/store> by April 12th: 5K - \$20 (includes mask and water bottle) The 1 mile and fun run are FREE!! Please keep an eye out for more updates on our 5K as we get closer and if you have any questions feel free to reach out to the PTA menandsschoolpta@gmail.com.

MENANDS BASEBALL

Registration is now open for the 2021 Menands Tball and Coed baseball league. Please visit www.Menandsbaseball.org to enroll. Tball is coed ages 3-6. Minor coed coach pitch baseball is ages 6-8. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to Karyn Long Steurer at 518-496-2411 or email Menandsbaseball@gmail.com. We are always looking for volunteers!

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.

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

SENIOR CLUB NEWS

New members are always welcome at the Menands Senior Club. To join you need to be 55 years and smile. Annual dues are \$5, if you are under 90 years of age. Due to the Co-vid 19 pause, 2021 membership is free to all paid members on the 2020 roster. Debbie Teitsch, VP, is automatically mailing 2021 membership cards to all members that are paid to date. If you haven't received a new card, no worries, they are on the way. Any questions call Debbie (518) 487-4583.

2021 TRIPS POSTPONED UNTIL 2022 DUE TO COVID-19

3/13/2021, The St. Patrick's Day Parade Trolley postponed until 3/12/2022.

3/17/2021, Gavin's Irish Country Inn postponed until 3/17/2022.

**Gavin's will still be open for business. Reservations are needed. 518-634-2582

6/24/21, Essex Steam Train & Becky Thatcher Riverboat postponed until 6/23/22.

THANK YOU FROM THE BOLTS

Thank you to our Menands family, for the thoughts and prayers, the love, the food and the flowers, and your presence. We are so grateful to be part of this loving community for over 50 years. Yes, the loss of our Zachary was and is profound,..but the support and love you have shared with us gives us the courage and strength to move forward on our journey in this new life and in this new world. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. May God Bless You and Your Families.

Gratefully,

Jim, Theresa, Jason, Jayne and Family

Items to be included in the next edition of the Menands Activities dated March 26, 2021 **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IN THE VILLAGE OFFICE AFTER 9 A.M. MONDAY, March 22, 2021.** Please indicate item is for the Menands Activities.