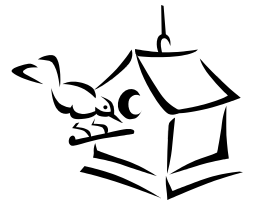




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VILLAGE OFFICE IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Village of Menands Clerk's Office reopened to the public April 5, 2021, with the regular office hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. Social distancing guidelines will be in place to protect the safety of our staff and the public. Masks must be worn before entering the building. In order to adhere to the 6ft. social distancing guidelines, only two members of the public will be allowed in the office at the same time. Only office personnel will be allowed access past the front counter. The dropbox will remain in the vestibule, for those not wanting to enter the office, which is available during office hours. After hours, the public may drop items off in the mail slot next to the main entrance. We ask that any matters that can be handled over the phone, please call the Village office at 518-434-2922 for assistance, instead of appearing in person. All public meetings will continue virtually until further notice. We thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we navigate through these difficult times.

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

The next Village Board Meeting is scheduled for **May 3, 2021**. The meeting will be held virtual google meet starting at **6:00 p.m.** 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 Handershan no later than **May 3, 2021 noon** at handershan@villageofmenands.com

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 can postmark, email or fax a completed application or letter request for the Village Election Absentee ballot no later than 7 days (June 9, 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.)

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.

PARK RESERVATIONS

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.

COLONIE EMS

Homebound Residents can be vaccinated by Colonie EMS. Please call Colonie EMS at 518-782-2645 to schedule an appointment.

VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW

Where sidewalks are provided and they may be used, it shall be unlawful for any pedestrian to walk along and upon an adjacent roadway.

Where sidewalks are not provided any pedestrian walking along and upon a highway shall, when practicable, walk only on the left side of the roadway or its shoulder facing traffic which may approach from the opposite direction. Upon the approach of any vehicle from the opposite direction, such pedestrian shall move as far to the left as is practicable.

D.P.W. YARD WASTE

Please bag grass clippings and also tie together 3 foot sections of cut branches. If you have a contractor to cut your lawn and or branches the contractor must remove clippings and branches and clean up after any clippings on the street. Any non bagged clippings will not be picked up.

MENANDS FIRE CO. #1, INC.

The next meeting of the Menands Fire Co.#1, Inc will be held on **May 4, 2021** in person at the firehouse. Meeting time is 8:00 p.m.

LITTLE'S LAKE SPRING CLEAN UP

Little's Lake is a twenty-five acres outdoor experience with a lake and wooded land located at 278 Van Rensselaer Blvd. The park offers fishing, boating, hiking, gatherings, or visiting their museum. The Park Association is looking for volunteers for Spring clean-up on May 1st & May 15th from 10:00a.m. – 2:00p.m. For more information contact info@littleslake.org. Visit www.littleslake.org

More on the other side.....

MENANDS FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

Hold the date: **Wednesday, May 26, at 4:00 p.m.** We'll celebrate the season! In the spirit of fun and community let's join together for a Menands Village-wide Read of "A Walk in the Woods" by Bill Bryson. It's laugh-out-loud hilarious, yet tender and reflective, a story that encourages conversation and sharing. A casual community discussion on Zoom will be led by Menands Public Library Director Laura Cernik and village resident Susan Harris. To register, please email Laura at menandslibraryactivities@gmail.com. For questions call Laura at 518-463-4035. You can borrow a hard copy of the book, get an e-book, or a DVD at the library of your choice. It's best to check ahead to make sure a copy is available at your branch. We look forward to seeing you on May 26th!

MENANDS SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

The next Board of Education meeting has been **scheduled for Monday, May 10, 2021 at 6:30 PM.** The meetings continue to be conducted virtually; information on how to participate can be found at www.menands.org. Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to participate.

The Board is seeking input from the public regarding the possibility of shortening the board term length from 5 years to 3 years; if you would like to share your thoughts, please complete the brief survey at the following link: <https://forms.gle/jBfAs7RRofgDYv326> Information about running for the Board of education can also be found on our web page: <https://www.menands.org/info-on-running-for-school-board/>.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration for September 2021 began 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.

MENANDS BASEBALL

Registration is now open for the 2021 Menands T-ball and Coed baseball league. Please visit www.Menandsbaseball.org to enroll. T-ball 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!

SENIOR CLUB NEWS

Bethany has cleared us to reenter the church hall. Our first gathering will be **May 6, 2021, 9:30 AM** with CHAIR YOGA, led by Genii Rutherford. Our first meeting will be Thursday, May 27, 2021, following yoga. Don't forget to wear a mask. New members are always welcome at the Menands Senior Club. We meet Thursdays, Bethany Presbyterian Hall, 9:30AM-3:00pm. To join you need to have happily reached the age of 55. Annual dues are \$5, until you reach the age of ninety. 2021 membership is free to all the paid members on the 2020 roster. Debbie Teitsch, VP, is mailing 2021 membership cards to all members paid to date, automatically. If you haven't received a new card, no worries, they are on the way. Any questions call Debbie Teitsch (518) 487-4583
Finger Lakes Trip, 5/16-5/18, waiting list only.

SENIOR CLUB NEWS (CONTINUED)

2021 ONE-DAY TRIPS:

8/9/2021, Monday, GLOUCESTER, MA, Lobster Luncheon Cruise around Gloucester Harbor. Lobster Buffet, consisting of 1 boiled lobster, corn on the cob, and barbeque chicken. After the cruise, on to Rockport, Ma., stroll and visit the quaint gift shops on "BEARSKIN NECK," home of Motif #1, on beautiful Cape Ann. Bus leaves at 7:00AM, returns to Menands at approx. 9:30PM. Cost \$72/82

12/8/2021, NYC, ON YOUR OWN, or THE CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR, Radio City Music Hall., ticket price \$85. Or do as you please. Bus leaves @ 7:30am, and returns approx. 9:00pm. Cost bus only \$15/\$25.

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 PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Menands Public Library is open for service! Please wear a mask and respect social distancing! Drop in at any time during our regularly scheduled hours:

Mon.: 12:00 noon – 8:00 p.m., **Tues.:** 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. **Wed.:** 12:00 noon – 8:00 p.m., **Thurs.:** 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. **Fri.:** 12:00 noon – 5:00 p.m. **Sat.:** 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. **Sun.:** Closed. **Phone:** (518) 463-4035

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Adult Services:

Adult Mandala Rock Painting

(Monday May 3rd, 6:00-7:00 pm)

Come to the library and enjoy a fun de-stress painting event! Join Laura in painting a decorative rock. Supplies provided but you are welcome to bring your own! Registration is required and capped at **10 people**. If you are interested, please call the library and ask to speak to Laura or email her at menandslibraryactivities@gmail.com. If the weather is bad, or the event seems unsafe because of COVID-19 the event will be held **virtually**, with supplies being given in advance.

Menands Book Clubs Meeting

(Tuesday May 11th, 7:00-8:00 pm)

The Menands Adult book club will be discussing "The Hunting Party" by Lucy Foley. This event will be held outside the library, **weather permitting**. If the weather is bad, or the event seems unsafe because of COVID-19 the club will be held **virtually**.

If you are interested, please call the library and ask to speak to Laura or email her at menandslibraryactivities@gmail.com. She can update you on the rules of the club.

Items to be included in the next edition of the Menands Activities dated May 7, 2021 **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IN THE VILLAGE OFFICE AFTER 9 A.M. MONDAY, May 3, 2021.** Please indicate item is for the Menands Activities.