



The News of MENANDS ACTIVITIES

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VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

The next Village Board Meeting is scheduled for **May 17, 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 Handerman no later than **May 17, 2021 noon** at handerman@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 now 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.

DUMPSTER RESERVATIONS

Dumpster reservations began April 1st. There will be a charge of \$100 for the dumpster rental. To make a reservation for the dumpster, please call the Village Office Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon at 518-434-2922 or e-mail Clerk Handerman at Handerman@Villageofmenands.com for more information. Payment of \$100 will be due prior to the reservation date. No contractor's debris will be accepted. The Village crew will leave the dumpster at the end of your driveway on a Wednesday and pick it up the following Wednesday.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE MENANDS POLICE DEPARTMENT

As there have been reports of recent vehicle break-ins, remember to lock your car and home doors. Vehicles equipped with alarms should remain activated when unattended. Do not leave any valuables visible in the interior. Place them in the trunk or inside the residence. Items such as wallets, credit cards, pocketbooks, loose change and computers are appealing to thieves.

MENANDS FIRE CO. #1. INC.

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

MENANDS FIRE CO. #1. AUXILIARY

The next meeting of the Menands Fire Co. #1 Auxiliary will be at 6:30 P.M. on Wednesday, **May 12, 2021** at the Village Hall located at 250 Broadway, Menands. Everyone must wear a mask and social distancing protocols will be followed.

STORYWALK

The Village of Menands Board of Trustees, Menands School, Menands Public Library, and the Upper Hudson Library System are excited to announce the grand opening of our StoryWalk, to be located on the upper purple trail of the Sage Estates Trail System (about 100 feet from the Park Drive entrance, across from Mountain View). Children and families will be able to read a picture book, with pages displayed in weatherproof kiosks, while getting exercise and spending time outdoors. Books will be changed monthly (more frequently in the summer). The first book will be *When I Close My Eyes* by Ty Allan Jackson, about a girl named Dot who learns the power of her senses when she closes her eyes. This will coincide with the author's visit to Menands School in late May. Mr. Jackson will also provide a recorded reading of the book, which will be accessible to StoryWalk users through QR codes at each kiosk. The grand opening will be held virtually on May 27 at 4:00 PM. Residents and guests can watch via the Menands School Facebook Live feed, YouTube, and

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other media. Links will be posted on the Village of Menands and Menands School websites. Please join us virtually for this exciting opening and visit the new StoryWalk on your own. If you have any questions, please contact Trustee Seth Harris at harriss@villageofmenands.com.

GUIDED WALK - SAGE ESTATES TRAIL

The Village of Menands has recently renovated and improved its treasured Sage Estates Trail System. Improvements include trail markers, bridges, benches, interpretive signage, maps and distances, a pavilion, and a StoryWalk. To introduce residents to these improvements, as well as share our vision for its future, the Village of Menands will offer several opportunities for guided walks, led by Trustee Seth Harris. Guided walks will be offered on Tuesday, May 25 and Tuesday, June 8. Both will begin at 4:30 PM, rain or shine (except in severe weather). Please wear sturdy footwear. Masks and social distancing are required. Meet at the Park Drive entrance (across from Mountain View). Register **NO LATER THAN 3:00 PM** on the day of the walk by email to Trustee Seth Harris at harriss@villageofmenands.com

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 15th from 10:00a.m. – 2:00p.m.** For more information contact info@littleslake.org. Visit www.littleslake.org

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/>.

SENIOR CLUB NEWS

FINGER LAKES TRIP:

All travelers need to come to Bethany Presbyterian Church Hall, 21 North Lyons Avenue, Menands, May 13th from 11:00AM-2:00PM to pick up your luggage tags, timed itineraries, masks, hand sanitizers, gifts and Co-Vid 19 Waiver Forms. **IMPORTANT:** You will need a signed Co-Vid 19 Waiver Form to board the bus. The bus leaves promptly at 8:00AM from Saint Joan of Arc Church parking lot, 76 Menand Road, Menands.

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 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:

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.

Teen Services:

Teen Anime And Manga Club Movie Night (Age 13+) **Thursday May 20th 5:30 – 7:30.** Join Laura for the first ever meeting of the Teen Anime and Manga Club. We will be having an outdoor movie night. We will be watching and discussing the newest Ghibli film, Earwig and The Witch.

Youth Services:

Driveway Chalk Contest (Ages 5-12) **May 1 to May 28** Chalk provided. Draw anything related to Spring on the Library's driveway. Pictures will be taken of the drawings and judged. Three winners will be announced on May 29.

For more information on any of these services, please call the library at (518) 463-4035.

Items to be included in the next edition of the Menands Activities dated May 21, 2021 **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IN THE VILLAGE OFFICE AFTER 9 A.M. MONDAY, May 17, 2021.** Please indicate item is for the Menands Activities.