



The News of MENANDS ACTIVITIES

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VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

The next Village Board Meeting will be held in person, on **Monday, August 16, 2021, at 6:00 P.M.** All meetings are held at 250 Broadway in Menands in the municipal building upstairs in the Court Room. Board meetings are open to the public and are handicap accessible.

ATTENTION RESIDENTS AND BUSINESS OWNERS

In an effort to maintain a safe level of water in our reservoirs during the summer months, and while more people are home during the day, we need the cooperation of our residents and business owners.

If you need to use water on the outside of your home or business, please do so sparingly and NOT water lawns between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. In addition, we ask that you ONLY water on the days as follows: If your street address number is an even number, only water on even days of the month, likewise, if your street address number is odd, only water on the odd days of the month.

This conservation effort will create less water usage per day, allowing the reservoir to maintain at a safe level during the summer months. This will also be beneficial to the resident and business owners that typically have a higher water consumption bill.

With everyone's cooperation, we hope a watering ban will not be necessary, as other local communities have implemented during extreme heat or drought conditions. Thank you.

Sincerely,
The Village of Menands

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.

2021 ANNUAL VILLAGE PICNIC AUGUST 18, 2021

(Rain date Thursday, August 19, 2021)
Beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Ganser-Smith Memorial Park (Menands Park)

Music: 5:00 – 8:30 p.m. (The Swing Docs)

Children's Show: 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Movie: 8:30 p.m. To Be Determined

Food and beverages available for purchase and provided by Village of Menands organizations.

Lawn chairs recommended for all events

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

While writing my end of the year update in May, I inadvertently excluded a report from the Village Historian. Despite the challenges of the pandemic, Historian Kevin Franklin remained busy working on various projects this past year. Kevin worked with U-Haul, (the new owners of the old Williams Press), regarding historic background of the building and information pertaining to a mural in the lobby honoring Johannes Gutenberg and his invention of movable type in the mid 1400's, which revolutionized the printing industry worldwide. This important work, painted by noted Albany area artist David Lithgow, sustained mold and water damage, but the hope was that U-Haul might restore the mural to preserve its history. Kevin also provided information and graphic ideas for the interpretive signage for the Sage Estate Trail system. Additionally, he provided information to the Soldier On project for veterans housing being developed on the many men from Menands who fought during WWII, including past Village Clerk Charles Moore, who was a recipient of bronze stars and purple heart for actions against German Soldiers. Kevin also provided historic background information on the Hudson River and lands on the west bank in Menands to be used for grant opportunities for Hudson River Estuary projects. Kevin continues to follow leads to a possible location of a duplicate sundial of Sir Walter that was once on the estate of the Dean Sage family in Menands at "Hillside". He helped with finding the deed for Ganser-Smith Park from the Albany Hall of Records. Kevin continues to answer the many calls and emails from people regarding various aspects of Village history, including doing talks and presentations to different groups. Kevin has a wealth of knowledge, and we are grateful for his dedication and willingness to research and share historic information on Menands.

VILLAGE OF MENANDS COMMUNITY NIGHT

Join members of the Menands Police Dept. & the Menands Fire Dept. for a night of family fun on WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2021

5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Ganser-Smith Memorial Park

Free Hot Dogs and Hamburgers, Bounce Houses, Mike & Ice Hawaiian Shaved Ice, Operation Safe Child with free fingerprinting and demonstrations from N.Y.S. Police, Albany County Sheriff's Office, Colonie Police Departments & AAA.

MENANDS FIRE CO. #1, INC.

The next meeting of the Menands Fire Co.#1, Inc will be held on **September 7, 2021**, in person at the firehouse. Meeting time is 8:00 p.m.

More on the other side.....

ePAYMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

The Village of Menands has great news! You asked and we listened; As of June 1, 2021, we started offering ONLINE PAYMENTS via Xpress-pay! This includes credit cards, debit cards, and electronic check payments. There is a site processing fee of 2.95% + \$.40 for using a card and a \$1.75 site processing fee for an electronic check payment. This is a secure platform with the option to create a username and password, the ability to pay multiple accounts, whether it is for separate properties, water & sewer utility billing, or taxes. You can see the current amount due (including penalty if applicable), and it provides a receipt upon receiving payment. This system also has the option to notify you when a new bill is due via text message or email once a user profile has been created. You can access this portal via our website at: <https://villageofmenands.com>. We are very excited to introduce ePayments to our residents and business owners, as so many other communities already have. If you have questions or concerns, please call us at (518)-434-2922.

PARK RESERVATIONS:

To reserve the Ganser-Smith Park between now and October 31, 2021 (weather permitting), please contact the Village Office at (518) 434-2922. **The Park rental will not be available for the Month of September due to construction.** To reserve the park, you must be a resident or business within the Village of Menands. The rental fee is \$50.00, plus a \$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 the 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 re-fund), to ensure public health and safety.

DEREK MURPHY FUNDRAISER

Our 2021 Derek Murphy Fundraiser will be held this year once again at Ganser-Smith Memorial Park on **Saturday, October 2nd from 2 to 4 p.m.**

Lite Fare and Beverages will be served.

Tickets will be available from Denise Stangle.

Call (518) 465-8841 or email dennyland@hotmail.com.

Only 200 tickets will be sold with all profits going to

Derek Murphy.

The prizes will be as follows:

Grand Prize, \$5000, Runner-up, \$2000,

Third place, \$1000, Fourth Place, \$1000

Fifth Place, \$1000

If all 200 tickets are not sold, prizes will reflect the following percentage of the total proceeds:

Grand, 25 per cent, Runner-up, 10 per cent, Third, Fourth and Fifth, 5 percent.

CALL NOW FOR YOUR TICKET!

SENIOR CLUB NEWS

Enjoy more balance and flexibility, save Thursday mornings, 9:30-10:30, for CHAIR YOGA, with Genii Rutherford. Donation \$2.

LINE DANCING HAS BEGUN, every week 12:30PM-1:30PM, One of our senior members, Marion Averill and her sister Bev show us how. Everyone is welcome, no qualifications necessary! Donation \$2.

The club still gathers every Thursday from 9:30-2:00PM for all members to come relax, enjoy refreshments and visit with friends, even if you do not participate in the above activities.

TRIPS

12/8/2021, NYC. Tickets for the Christmas Spectacular are still available! Only one bus this year. Ticket price \$85. Bus leaves @ 7:30a.m, and returns approx. 9:00p.m.

OVERNIGHT TRIP, OCEAN CITY, MARYLAND, 9/13-16, 2021, waiting list only

MENANDS SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

The next Board of Education meeting has been scheduled for **Monday, September 13, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.** The meeting will be conducted in person.

MENANDS PUBLIC LIBRARY

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Summer Reading: The Summer Reading Program is OPEN! If you would like to participate, please sign up on our READSquared site or come into the library for sign up help.

Adult Services:

Menands Book Clubs Meeting - The club will be held **virtually**. If you are interested, please call the library and ask to speak to Laura at 518-463-4035 or email her at menandslibraryactivities@gmail.com. She can update you on the rules of the club.

Teen Services:

Teen Anime and Manga Club - Every **Thursday** at 6:00 p.m. come join Laura at the Library for some fun Anime and Manga themed events!

Youth:

Summer Embroidery Classes (ages 5-19)- Please come to the library this summer to learn basic embroidery stitches with Sherry! She will teach you three basic stitches! At the end of the lesson you will be able to make a flower. If you have any questions please contact the library.

LITERARY QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

"And so with the sunshine and the great bursts of leaves growing on the trees, just as things grow in fast movies, I had that familiar conviction that life was beginning over again with the summer."

—F. Scott Fitzgerald, *The Great Gatsby*

Items to be included in the next edition of the Menands Activities dated August 27, 2021, WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IN THE VILLAGE OFFICE AFTER 9 A.M. Monday, August 23, 2021.