



The News of MENANDS ACTIVITIES

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VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

The next **rescheduled** Village Board Meeting will be held in person, on **Monday, September 13, 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. **The September 20, 2021 Board Meeting has been rescheduled for September 27, 2021 at 6:00 P.M.**

COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Village Offices, the Court and the DPW will be closed due to the holiday on October 11. Monday's trash pick-up will be on Tuesday, October 12 and Tuesday's trash pick-up will be on Wednesday, October 13, recycling on Thursday, October 14 remains the same. **THERE WILL BE NO SPECIAL PICK-UP.**

ALL VILLAGE OWNED BUILDINGS

In accordance with the CDC Guidelines, face masks are required when entering any Village Building. You will also be required to sign in on the Contact Tracing Forms.

VILLAGE OF MENANDS ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing continuation will be held on **Thursday, September 23rd, 2021, at 6:00 P.M.** in the Court Room at 250 Broadway, located on the second floor.

Vertical Bridge REIT, LLC has proposed a cell tower at 381 Broadway in the Broadway Business District. They are applying for a Use Variance for this proposed project.

The Village Schedule of Use Regulations, Chapter 169, Schedule "A" does not recognize the proposed tower as a "principal use permitted by right or a use permitted by special permit".

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

NATURE TRAIL AND STORY WALK

There will be a ribbon cutting on **September 14 at 4:30 p.m.** for the Nature Trail and introduction to the Story Walk along the trail starting at the Park Drive entrance. If able, please join us.

MENANDS FIRE CO. #1, INC.

The next meeting of the Menands Fire Co.#1, Inc will be held on **October 5, 2021**, in person at the firehouse. Meeting time is 8:00 p.m.

MENANDS FIRE CO. #1, INC AUXILIARY

The next meeting of the Menands Fire Co. #1, Inc. Auxiliary will be held on **September 15, 2021**, in person at the firehouse. Meeting time is 6:30 P.M.

LEAF MACHINE

Beginning in October, exact date to be determined, the DPW will pick up leaves that are raked on the edge of the road/street (**DPW cannot pickup leaves that are not on the street**). Mulched leaves and grass should be bagged. Branches, limbs, etc should be cut in 3 ft. lengths. We do **not** accept any dirt in the biodegradable bags. **Please remember that it takes DPW approximately two weeks** to go thru the Village depending on the amount of leaves at the side of the road. **When placing your leaves out front, do not block or place your leaves in the Storm Drain.**

In addition, if you have a contractor to rake your leaves, the contractor must remove the leaves.

Menands Zoning Update: The Online Survey is open!

You may have heard that the Village is working with the Capital District Transportation Committee (CDTC) to update its land use regulations and zoning code. Our consultant team enjoyed meeting many village residents who attended Community Night on August 25! The next step in this project is to engage the public, developers, and local boards to hear opinions about future development in Menands. **To assist us in this effort, we ask that you please take an 8-minute survey on Zoning in**

Menands: Surveymonkey.com/r/menandszoning.

Hard copies of the survey are available at the Village library and Village office for pick up and drop off after completion. Additionally, hard copies of the survey have been distributed to local Churches, Hindu temples, and the Watervliet Senior Center. Please view our webpage for more

information: <https://villageofmenands.com/government/land-use-regulations-zoning-update/>

Thanks to everyone who has already responded!

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.

More on the other side.....

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

Senior Gatherings are cancelled for September 16, 2021, we are traveling.

Our next Fall Business Meeting is September 23, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

Chair Yoga will still be at 9:30 a.m.

Line Dancing will still begin at 12:30 p.m.

TRIPS

****9/16-9/18/2021, OCEAN CITY, MD. PLEASE NOTE CHANGE: BUS WILL LEAVE ST. JOAN OF ARC PARKING LOT AT 7:00 A.M.****

10/13/2021, TURNING STONE

10/20/2021, RIVERVIEW INN, Matamoras, PA. Lunch and tribute to Elvis.

11/3/2021, VILLA ROMA, Calicoon, N.Y. Lunch and Tribute to Dolly Parton and Kenny Rogers

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

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*

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.

ALBANY RURAL CEMETERY

On Sunday, **September 12**, the Albany Rural Cemetery will hold an Ask The Historian and Open House from **10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at the Chapel at Albany Rural Cemetery (please use Main Gate on Broadway Route 32) The cost is free.

The Cemetery's Historian, Paula Lemire, trustee and Civil War buff, Marc Bodnar, General Manager, David Eslinger and others will be available to answer questions about Cemetery history, Civil War burials, monument cleaning, general cemetery questions and more. There will also be opportunities to join the Friends of the Albany Rural Cemetery, purchase books about the cemetery and sign up as a volunteer. There will also be light refreshments and an opportunity to sign up for a post-Open tour at 2 p.m.

Items to be included in the next edition of the Menands Activities dated September 24, 2021, WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IN THE VILLAGE OFFICE AFTER 9 A.M. Monday, September 20, 2021.
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