



The News of MENANDS ACTIVITIES

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VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

Due to the current situation with COVID-19 and subsequent social distancing guidelines, the Village of Menands Board of Trustees will host it's Public Hearing and regular bi-monthly meeting via Google Meet on **Monday, October 18, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.** in order to protect the public's health, safety and welfare, Menands residents may listen to or view the meeting by clicking the link below or calling the number below and using the code provided. In order to comply with New York State law, this meeting will be recorded and transcribed.

Once Mayor Grenier calls the meeting to order, she will ask all attendees to identify themselves and then to mute their microphone to ensure that only the person speaking can be heard and seen without feedback disruption.

As we will be conducting essential business during the meeting, there will be no public comment. If you have any comments or questions that you would like to have read into the record at the meeting, please email Clerk Don Handerhan no later than September 27, 2021 at 12:00 noon at handerhand@villageofmenands.com.

To participate in the meeting, you can: Board Meeting Monday, September 27, 2021 6:00 – 7:00pm meet google.com/ktr-fzfi-dhw

Join by phone:

(US) +1 617-675-4444 PIN: 5929977584 6983#

Thank you for your patience as we work around these circumstances and keep our village government transparent, safe and accessible to all residents.

Sincerely,

Village of Menands Board of Trustees

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.

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 **October 13, 2021**, VIRTUALLY on zoom. Please check your email and respond if you will be attending. 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](https://www.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. Thanks to everyone who has already responded!

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

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 next side.....

INTRODUCING OUR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INTERN

The Village of Menands Board of Trustees has selected Anika Fischer as our economic development intern. Ms. Fischer is a junior at Cornell University's School of Industrial and Labor Relations and will be working with us full-time for the entire semester.

Ms. Fischer hails from Rochester, New York, and comes to us with considerable experience, which will enhance our economic development initiatives. She worked for Gallina Development, a real estate development firm in Rochester, where she worked on a project of turning a former bank into a mixed use building, including retail, high-end apartments, and commercial space. In addition to researching and providing for the apartment securing stations

Items to be included in the next edition of the Menands Activities dated October 22, 2021, WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IN THE VILLAGE OFFICE AFTER 9 A.M. Monday, October 18, 2021.

At Cornell, Anika is president of the ILR Women's Caucus, transforming the club into an organization with over 50 members and weekly meetings with inspiring guest speakers. She even organizes an annual women's leadership summit and a charity golf tournament. When she isn't working in Ives Hall (home to the ILR School), you will find Ms. Fischer on the golf course, as she is captain of the university's golf team.

Please join the board in welcoming Anika Fischer to the Village of Menands. You can meet her at one of our regularly-scheduled board meetings or one of several community programs, which she will host.

SENIOR CLUB NEWS

Our next Fall Business Meeting is October 28, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

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

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

TRIPS

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 @ 7:30a.m, and returns approx. 9:00p.m.

MENANDS CYO BASKETBALL NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Join the team! Whether you have only a little time or a lot to give, there is an opportunity for YOU! Help continue to give our local kids the BEST basketball experience!

The league is volunteer driven and cannot survive without dedicated volunteers!!

The Program is looking to form a Board of Directors to ensure this opportunity is available for our current and next generation of Basketball Players.

Contact Ron with questions or for more information at morigan@nycap.rr.com

The club is having a meeting on November 18th at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire House to discuss continuation of the CYO traditions. We look forward to seeing you all there.

MENANDS SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

The next Board of Education meeting has been scheduled for **Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.** The meeting will be conducted in person.

MENANDS SKI & SNOWBOARDING CLUB

Now enrolling MENANDS Ski and Snowboard club. Open to all ages. 7 Wednesday nights at Jiminy Peak starting January 5th. Yankee trail Bus leaves MENANDS school at approximately 3:15 and returns around 9:30. No need to take the bus all are also welcome to drive as passes are handed out week 1. Lessons and equipment rental also available. Please call or email Karyn Long Steurer 518-496-2411 - klong@cbpp.com for enrollment and pricing!

MENANDS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Phone: (518) 463-4035

Hours:

Monday 12-8PM, Tuesday 5-8PM, Wednesday 12-8PM
Thursday 5-8PM, Friday 12-5PM, Saturday 10-1PM

Adult Services:

Menands Virtual Book Club - Next meeting is November 9th at 7:00 pm. If you would like to join, please call Laura at the library or email menandslibraryactivities@gmail.

Adult Fall 2021 Reading Challenge - Please join the library staff for an adult reading challenge. If you are interested in joining, please visit the library to pick up a challenge sheet. For each challenge that you complete, you will get one raffle ticket with your name on it. The winner will be drawn at random from these tickets. Please return the form to Laura by **November 19th**. The winner will be announced the following week.

There will be a first, second and third place winner.

Teen Services:

Teen Art Competition – October 11th – November 1st, there will be a Teen Art Competition. Entries can be submitted to Laura at the library. Any medium and subject are welcome. The winner will be announced the following week.

Manga and Anime club – Every Thursday from 6 – 7:30 pm, please join Laura at the library for some fun events related to Manga and Japanese culture.

Youth Services:

Fall Crafts – Please contact the library to learn more about our brand new Fall themed crafts! We can update you on our current craft.

Story Time – If you are interested in a Story Time, please contact Sherish at the library to arrange a time.

Virtual Story Times will be held this coming Fall; more details to follow.