



# The News of MENANDS ACTIVITIES

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### VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

The next Village Board Meeting will be Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Please check the Village Website, the meeting may be held via Google Meets.

### HOLIDAY OFFICES SCHEDULE

The Village Office, Court and D.P.W. will be closed on Monday, February 21, 2022 due to the Presidents Day.

### HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE

Monday trash pick-up will be Tuesday, February 22, Tuesday trash pick-up will be Wednesday, February 23. NO SPECIAL PICK-UP THIS WEEK Recycling schedule remains the same.

### VILLAGE OF MENANDS ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS CORRECTED INFORMATION

A public hearing continuation will be held on Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. in the Court Room at 250 Broadway, located on the second floor. This date change has been requested by the applicant.

Vertical Bridge REIT, LLC has proposed a "Vertical Bridge" (cell phone tower) 15 Elmwood Road Extension A.K.A. 381 Broadway zoned in the Broadway Business District (BBD). 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".

In addition, Proposed Development for Daughters of Charities Ministries of St. Vincent DePaul. They are applying for a Use and Area Variance for this proposed project for development of independent and assisted living units, memory care units and 60 cottages. Daughters of Charities Ministries is located in an "R" Zone. Chapter 169 Schedule "A" does not list the proposed development as a "Principal Use Permitted by Right" or a "Use Permitted by Special Permit" therefore is not allowed in a "R" Zone.

Also, Chapter 169 Schedule "B" stated in an "R" Zone the maximum Building Height is 35' and the number of stories is 2 ½. The primary building height is 79' and exceeds 2 ½ stories.

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

### HELP KEEP OUR COMMUNITY CLEAN

There have been recent complaints of excessive litter within our community. Please do your part to keep our parks and streets clean. Do not litter. If you have items to dispose of, use the trash and recycling receptacles that the village has provided. Thank you.

### VILLAGE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS & SNOW REMOVAL

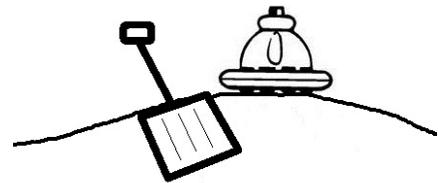
To provide you with the best service possible, the Department of Public Works (DPW) would like to remind everyone that your cooperation is needed during the winter months for proper plowing, salting and snow removal. If you have a driveway or an off street parking space, please use it during the winter months and especially during a snow or ice storm as vehicles parked on the street hinder plowing operations. Please do not put snow in the streets once the plows have gone through. Additionally, anything that you might have in the Village's right-of-way, such as a basketball hoop, should be moved and stored for the winter. The Village will not be responsible for damage to any items left in the Village's right-of-way. In the event that a snow emergency is declared, details will be provided to local news stations, on the Village website and through our emergency alert system.

### MENANDS FIRE CO. #1. INC.

The next meeting of the Menands Fire Co.#1, Inc will be held on March 1, 2022, in person at the firehouse. Meeting time is 8:00 p.m.

### **Be a Hydrant Hero!**

Help us Help you and adopt a hydrant! If you see a hydrant covered in snow, and you are able to clear it out, it would be much appreciated! Your 10 minutes today will save us precious minutes during an emergency!



BE A HYDRANT HERO! PLEASE ADOPT A HYDRANT!

### MENANDS FIRE CO. #1, INC AUXILIARY

The next meeting of the Menands Fire Co. #1, Inc. Auxiliary will be held on March 9, 2022 @ 6:30 pm. This will be held virtually.

### MENANDS SENIOR CLUB NEWS

We are happy to announce our new gathering and meeting location is the Village Hall , 250 Broadway, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor (over the firetruck bays), there is an elevator to the right of the front door

Beginning February 3, 2022, 9:00 a.m. with chair yoga led by Genii, followed by refreshments with Paul and Dave, mahjong, five card bingo, needlepoint and conversation. Old and New Members are always welcome. You need to be fully vaccinated, masks are a must.

Senior News continues on the other side.....

### Senior News continued from the front side

Debbie Teitsch, has 2022 membership cards and is happy to accept applications for renewals and new memberships. If you need to renew by mail, Debbie's address is 3 Cornell Drive, Menands, N.Y. 12204. Don't forget to enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope. Dawn Primett will handle receipts and disbursements. At this time, all Senior planned trips remain as originally scheduled.

### MENANDS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Menands Public Library  
4 North Lyons Avenue, Menands, N.Y. 12204  
Phone (518) 463-4035  
Hours: Mon. 12-8PM, Tue. 5-8PM, Wed. 12-8PM,  
Thurs. 5-8PM, Fri. 12-5PM, Sat. 10-1PM

#### **SPECIAL NOTICE: Library Survey**

The Menands Public Library Board is embarking on a three-year long-range plan and would like the input of all residents in the village. The purpose of this plan is to understand how the library can better serve our residents but we need **YOUR** input. Please complete our survey that was included with our previous Menands Activities. Physical copies of the survey are available at the library for your convenience or you may use the link located on the library website (<https://www.menandslibrary.org/>). Physical surveys may be given to staff, left in the library drop box or mailed to the library. We look forward to hearing from you!

#### Adult Services:

Menands Book Club - Meetings are now **IN PERSON** at the Library. Next meeting is **Tuesday March 1st at 7:00 pm**. We are finishing Jane Austen.

#### Teen Services:

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:

Winter Crafts - Stop in and make your own craft with Sherish!

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

### MENANDS SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

The next Board of Education meeting has been scheduled for **Monday, February 14, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.** The meeting will be conducted in person.

### A GREAT CAUSE

One of Menands' own, Jenna LaFleur, is running the 2022 Boston Marathon as part of the Dana-Farber team. Every cent raised for her run goes to cancer research at Dana-Farber, and all donations are 100% tax deductible. To contribute to a great cause, please visit <https://bit.ly/jlafleurDFMC> or to learn more, email [lafleurjenna99@gmail.com](mailto:lafleurjenna99@gmail.com) or visit [danafarber.jimmyfund.org](http://danafarber.jimmyfund.org).

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your generosity! Christa LaFleur

### MENANDS SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION SEEKS CANDIDATES TO FILL BOARD VACANCY

Appointment for the remainder of a five-month term beginning February 14, 2022.

The Menands Union Free School District Board of Education is seeking to fill a vacancy on the Board for the seat previously held by Jeff Masline, who resigned effective January 28. New York State law allows school boards to fill vacancies by appointment until the next regular election in May.

The appointment will be for a term of approximately five months, from February 14, 2022 through the end of the school year. If you are interested in learning more about being a member of the board, please visit the School District Web Page: [www.menands.org](http://www.menands.org). Letters of interest and application materials must be submitted by February 9, 2022.

### BOOK FOR SALE – HISTORY OF ST. AGNES

On sale now! Learn about the rich history of St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands and help support one of the loveliest Catholic cemeteries in the country. \$25 plus tax. This is a coffee-table book featuring beautiful full color photography and interesting stories. Copies are available in The Visitors Center at St. Agnes Cemetery.

### MENANDS STORY WALK™

The Menands School Story Walk™ Club is pleased to announce the next installment on the Menands Story Walk™! *Hike*, by Pete Oswald, is now available for your viewing and reading pleasure, on the Purple Trail of the Sage Estates Nature Trail. Get out and enjoy a walk and a good book! Thank you to the Menands PBA for donating this title; the Upper Hudson Library System for preparing the book for display; to the Menands School Story Walk™ Club and their advisors for assisting with the preparation and creating promotional materials; to Mike Hagmann and the Village DPW for installing the pages in the kiosk; and the continued support of the Village of Menands Board and Trustees and the Village Library for partnering on this community wide initiative! This latest title will remain available at least through the end of February. We will let you know when our next title, *The Lion and the Mouse*, by Jerry Pinkney will be installed.

If you are interested in making a donation to support one of the titles selected for a future installation, please contact Laura Cernik at the Menands Public Library for more information. She can be reached at 518-463-4035 or via email : [director@menandslibrary.org](mailto:director@menandslibrary.org)

Items to be included in the next edition of the Menands Activities dated February 25, 2022, WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IN THE VILLAGE OFFICE AFTER 9 A.M. Monday, February 21, 2022.
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