



The News of MENANDS ACTIVITIES

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VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

The next Village Board Meeting will be **Monday, April 25, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.** The meeting will be a Hybrid meeting in person and google meets. All meetings are held at 250 Broadway 2nd floor and are handicap accessible. All are encouraged to attend or submit comments in writing to Clerk Don Handerhand at handerhand@villageofmenands.com before noon on day of meeting. To attend via google meets – meet.google.com/mre-txbp-btk or by phone (us) +1 617-675-4444 pin:513 981 040 7213#

VILLAGE OF MENANDS ZBA PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held on **Thursday May 12, 2022, at 6:00 P.M.** at 250 Broadway to consider the following application for an Area Variance and a Use Variance.

Harmony Prima Lofts, LLC is applying for an Area Variance at 1 Broadway for relief from current setback regulations to construct garages at the property.

The location on the property of the potential garages is encroaching the minimum rear setbacks based on Chapter 169, Schedule “B” of the Village Code. The Harmony Prima Lofts, LLC is located within the Broadway Business District (BBD) zone.

Verical Bridge Development LLC/Co-Applicant Celco Partnership a.b.a. Verizon Wireless has proposed a “Vertical Bridge” (Cell Phone Tower) at 15 Elmwood Road Extension also known as 381 Broadway, zoned in the Broadway Business District (BBD) and is applying for a Use Variance for this proposed project.

Such Public Hearings are open to the public and are handicap accessible. You can also join via Google Meet at meet.google.com/nve-bwcf-qge or join by phone (US) +1 620-712-2508 (PIN: 738092446). All are encouraged to attend or to present comments in writing to lyonc@villageofmenands.com before noon the day of the meeting.

MENANDS INTERN UPDATE

Hello, I would like to continue to update the Village with some of the economic development initiatives I have been working on for the village. The CGI Digital team came and filmed in the Village Friday, April 15th. Thank you to all who participated in the shoot and we should see the videos in a few weeks! I am also continuing to research grant and funding opportunities to increase historic signage within the village. The hope is that we can connect physical signs to the website utilizing QR codes and also increase historic information on the website. As always if you have any questions or ideas please feel free to email me at intern@villageofmenands.com.

Best, Isabel

COVID - 19 TEST KITS

Covid – 19 Test Kits are available at the Village Office for Village Residents.

WATER & SEWER BILL PAYMENT REMINDER

If unpaid water and sewer bills are not postmarked prior to May 1, 2022, they will be levied to your Menands Village Tax, payable June 1, 2022. Please call 518-434-2922 if you need your accurate penalty information. Payments without proper penalty will be sent back as no partial or overpayments are acceptable. Bills are still payable online through XpressPay accessible through <https://villageofmenands.com>

CALLING ALL MENANDS ARTISTS!

Want to display &/or sell your work at the summer food truck festival? For more information email intern@villageofmenands.com

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.

PARK RESERVATIONS

Due to construction in the Ganser-Smith Park, reservations cannot be made until July 1, 2022.

To reserve the Park between July 1, 2022 and October 31, 2022 (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.

MENANDS FIRE CO. #1, INC.

The next meeting of the Menands Fire Co.#1, Inc will be held on **May 3, 2022**, 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 **May 11, 2022 @ 6:30 pm.** This will be held **IN PERSON** at the village hall.

MENANDS SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

The next Board of Education meeting has been scheduled for **Wednesday, April 27, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.** The meeting will be conducted in person.

More on the other side.....

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

2022-2023 Menands School Kindergarten registration is now open. Our registration packet can be found through the Student Registration link on our website www.menands.org You may also request a copy to be mailed to your home. When you have completed the packet, please schedule a registration appointment by contacting Liz Mentiplay by email at LMENTIPLY@Menands.org or by phone at 518-465-4561 EXT. 118

PRE-K REGISTRATION

Registration for Menands School Pre-K for the 2022-2023 school year is now open. Please email our Registrar Liz Mentiplay at lmentiply@menands.org or call 518-465-4561 with any questions! Completed registration packets must be submitted to Menands School by May 17th to be entered into the lottery.

MENANDS SENIOR CLUB NEWS

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

Beginning **March 3, 2022, 9:30 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.

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.

Planned upcoming events for May and June
May 5, 2022, CSSC coming to interview volunteers for "A Moment in Time – What are you looking forward to?"

May 16-18, 2022, Cape May, N.J.

May 21, 2022, "My Fair Lady," Proctor's Schenectady, lunch at Olive Garden.

May 26, 2022, Monthly business meeting with a visit from Town Supervisor, Peter Crummey

June 16, 2022, Last business meeting until September and Ice Cream Sundae Social.

June 23, 2022, Essex Steam Train and Becky Thatcher Boat Ride.

Stop at our new location to sign up for any of our trips.

MENANDS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Phone (518) 463-4035

Hours: Mon. 12-8PM, Tue. 5-8PM, Wed. 12-8PM, Thurs. 5-8PM, Fri. 12-5PM, Sat. 10-1PM

Follow us on Facebook for up-to-date changes!

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:

Spring Crafts - Stop in and make your own craft with Sherish! We have a rotating schedule of crafts so stop by and join us for a good time!

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

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

Items to be included in the next edition of the Menands Activities dated May 6, 2022, WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IN THE VILLAGE OFFICE AFTER 9 A.M. Monday, May 2, 2022.
