



The News of MENANDS ACTIVITIES

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VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

The next Village Board meeting will be Monday, **December 5, 2022**, at **6:00 PM at 250 Broadway**. The link to attend the meeting virtually is meet.google.com/mre-txpb-btk or by phone (US) +1 617-675-4444 pin: 513 981 040 7213#. All are encouraged to attend or submit comments in writing to Clerk Don Handerman at handehand@villageofmenands.com before noon on the day of the meeting. The following meeting will be Monday, December 19, 2022, at 6 P.M.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Village Offices, DPW and the Court will be closed due to the holiday on **Monday, December 26, 2022**. Monday's trash pick-up will be on Tuesday, December 27, and Tuesday's Pick-up will be on Wednesday, December 28. Recycling remains the same. **THERE WILL BE NO SPECIAL PICK-UP THAT WEEK.**

LEAF COLLECTION

The DPW has begun to pick up leaves that are raked onto the edge of the road/street (the leaf machine cannot pick up leaves that are not on the street). When placing your leaves on the street, **DO NOT** block or place your leaves in the storm drain. Please remember that it takes the DPW roughly 2 weeks to go through the Village, depending on the amount of leaves on the side of the road.

NOTE: Mulched leaves and grass should be bagged. We do NOT accept any dirt in biodegradable bags. Branches, limbs, etc., should be cut into 3ft lengths. If a contractor/landscaper is hired for leaf to pick up, they must remove the leaves with them. The leaf machine pick-up will end prior to the first plowable snowfall.

VILLAGE HOLIDAY PARTY

Village Holiday Party, Sunday, December 4, 2022, at 4:30 PM at the Ganser-Smith Park
Tree Lighting, Santa, Caroling and Refreshments

PUBLIC SAFETY NOTICE

Please keep all sidewalks clear of snow, ice, debris, vehicles and other obstructions to ensure the safety of pedestrians, especially those with disabilities.

ZONING LAW UPDATE: The Village of Menands has been hard at work updating its Zoning Law and just released a Draft for public review and comment. The Draft Law along with additional project information can be found on the Village's website:

<https://villageofmenands.com/government/land-use-regulations-zoning-update/> Paper copies of the Draft Law are also available for review at Village Hall and the Menands Public Library. Comments are being accepted until December 16.

MENANDS SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

The next Board of Education meeting has been scheduled for December 12, 2022, in person.

WATER & SEWER BILLS

This is a friendly reminder to keep an eye out for your Village of Menands Water & Sewer Bills that will be sent out on December 30th, 2022, and due January 31, 2023. Please be aware that homeowners are responsible for all Village bills and timely payment - even if it was lost in the mail. **If you have not received your bill by January 10, please email Nicole at ognann@villageofmenands.com, or call 518-434-2922 for a copy of your bill.**

VILLAGE OF MENANDS HIRING

The Village of Menands is accepting applications for a part-time Youth Director. Applicants must be a Village resident, at least 21 years of age, possess good people skills (especially with young children), and be organized with strong management and leadership qualities. The position entails organizing various events and activities throughout the year, helping organize the Annual Village Picnic, and coordinating the summer youth program, which runs for six weeks in July and August from 9:00 am - 12 noon Monday thru Friday at the Ganser-Smith Memorial Park. (Additional details provided during interviews). Ideal position for a teacher or stay-at-home parent of school-aged children. Applications can be picked up and returned at the Village Office, located at 280 Broadway, Menands, during business hours, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Please return applications by December 30, 2022.

CALLING ALL VILLAGE OF MENANDS SENIORS

With receiving a NADTC grant, Colonie Senior Service Centers, Inc. has been able to expand its transportation services into the Village of Menands for seniors age 60 and older and seniors with disabilities. Seniors must be registered to participate in this new initiative. To register, please contact Jim in CSSC's Transportation Services at 518-459-6064. Once registered, seniors will have access to transportation, Monday through Friday, for such errands as medical appointments and grocery shopping. Also note: to book a ride, participants must call 48 hours ahead of the date you wish to be driven.

MENANDS FIRE CO. #1, INC.

The Next meeting of the Menands Fire Co.#1, Inc will be held on **December 6, 2022**, at the firehouse. The 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 **December 14, 2022**, at the firehouse. The meeting time is 6:30 P.M.

More on the other side.....

THANK YOU!!!

Menands Cares and Clark Moving and Storage of Albany would like to thank the Menands Community for their overwhelming support of the 15th Annual "Fill the Mayflower" food drive.

We filled over 50 large cartons with donations as well as raised over \$500.00 in cash donations that will benefit 5 local food pantries this Holiday Season. This strong sense of caring and community is what makes Menands a wonderful place to live. Thank you again and best wishes for a Happy Holiday Season and a Safe and Prosperous 2023.

SAFELY DISPOSE OF EXPIRED OR UNWANTED MEDICINE

The Menands Police Department proudly offers a new drop box for safe drug disposal, located right in the lobby of 250 Broadway. **Please cross out personal identifying information; keep product in original container, or in a sealed plastic bag; place medicine in kiosk.** NOT ACCEPTED: herbal remedies, vitamins, supplements, cosmetics, other personal care products, medical devices, batteries, mercury-containing thermometers, sharps, illicit drugs, and pet pesticide products.

MENANDS SKI AND SNOWBOARD CLUB

Menands Ski and Snowboard club is now enrolling. Please reach out to Karyn Steurer at 518-496-2411 or email her klong@cbpp.com for more information. This program will run on Wednesdays starting 1/4/23 and runs 7 weeks long. Yankee trail bus provided to and from the mountain. Open to all ages. Lessons are offered as well as rentals.

MENANDS PUBLIC LIBRARY

4 N. Lyons Ave, Menands NY 12204

Phone (518) 463-4035

Mon: 10 am - 2 pm, Tues: 12 noon - 7 pm

Wed: 10 am - 2 pm, Thurs: 12 noon - 7 pm

Fri: 12 noon - 5 pm, Sat: 10 am - 1 pm, Sun: Closed

2023 Calendars

The pocket-sized Menands Library 2023 Calendars are available. Get yours today! While supplies last. The Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor calendars will be available on **December 1st!**

Adult Programming:

Take and Make Spice: December is Rosemary

Swing by the library and pick up your allspice sample to join us in our online cookbook! Try the recipes in the brochure and share your recipes on the library's recipe blog: https://padlet.com/Menands_Library/4ylyax20w3fn85y1

Library Centennial - Spring 2023

Stay tuned for more information and future announcements from the Library Centennial Committee.

Call for Library Memories and Photos

The Library Centennial Committee is looking for photos from the library's history. If you have any photos or written memories you would like to share with the committee to include in the celebration, please send them to menandslibcentennial@gmail.com OR call the library and ask to speak to Laura if you need help transcribing your memories or copying your photos!

MENANDS SENIOR UPDATE

Debbie Teitsch is now accepting dues for 2023. To renew, come to any Thursday gathering or renew by mail. Debbie's address is 3 Cornell Drive, Menands, N.Y. 12204. Dues are still only \$5.

Our Senior Tree will again be purchased and decorated in the "Village Festival of Trees." New ornaments were purchased, but we need volunteers to decorate our tree on **December 4 at 2:00 p.m.** If you can spare an hour on that Sunday, please come and join the fun.

December 18, 2022, join us for "The Melodies of Christmas" at Proctor's Schenectady to benefit the children at Albany Medical Center. The bus will leave Ganser Smith Park, Menands Road, at 12:00 noon heading to El Faro Restaurant for an Italian Sunday dinner before the show. After dinner, we will go to the 3:00 pm complete holiday show. The cost of dinner and show is \$65. If interested, please call Diane Leonard or diwewe@yahoo.com.

ALBANY RURAL CEMETERY

Our Annual Appeal

A special thanks to all of you who contribute each year to financially support the Albany Rural Cemetery. Your donation helps us with equipment, roads, buildings, overhead, maintenance, and development.

Appeal cards and return envelopes are available at the office or you can simply mail your donation to:

Albany Rural Cemetery

3 Cemetery Avenue

Albany NY 12204

HAPPY CHANUKAH

Happy Chanukah! Grand Menorah lighting & Chanukah Celebration in Menands! We invite all members of the community both Jews and all our neighbors, especially with the rise of Antisemitism, we appreciate the support of the entire community standing with us. All residents and friends are welcome to attend and participate, at no charge. Fun for all ages! Chanukah foods & treats for all! Come and join us **Monday, Dec. 19, at 4:30 pm**, outdoors at the Ganser-Smith Memorial Park, 53 Menands Rd, Menands, NY 12204.

Organized by Rabbi Mordechai & Chana Rubin of Colonie Chabad, for more info. & RSVP (kindly do so)

or any questions: 518.368.7886

or chaicentercolonie@gmail.com

Items to be included in the next edition of the Menands Activities dated December 16, 2022, WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IN THE VILLAGE OFFICE AFTER 9 A.M. Monday, December 12, 2022.
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