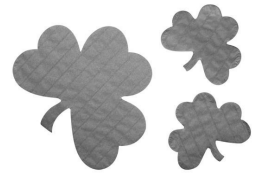




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VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

The next Village Board Meeting will be **Monday, March 21, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.** Please check the Village Website, the meeting may be held via Google Meets.

VILLAGE OF MENANDS ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The public hearing continuation for Daughters of Charities Ministries of St Vincent DePaul, and the Vertical Bridge Development will be taking place in person, **Thursday, March 24, 2022, at 6.00 P.M.** located at 250 Broadway, in the Village Hall, on the second floor.

Daughters of Charities Ministries of St Vincent DePaul are applying for Use and Area Variances for the proposed project for development of Independent, Assisted Living and Memory Care units. Daughters of Charities Ministries, located at 98 Menand Road, is in an "R" Zone. Chapter 169 Schedule "A" does not list this proposed development as a "Principal Use Permitted by Right" or a "Use Permitted by Special Permit"; therefore, it is not allowed in an "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 tall.

Vertical Bridge Development LLC/Co-Applicant Cellco Partnership d. b. a. Verizon Wireless has proposed a "Vertical Bridge" (cell phone tower) 15 Elmwood Road Extension A.K.A. 381 Broadway zoned in the Broadway Business District (BBD) 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 handicap accessible. All are encouraged to attend or present comments in writing to the ZBA.

John Bassett, Chairman, Board of Appeals

MENANDS INTERN UPDATE

My name is Isabel Smrstik and I am the Spring Economic Development Intern for the Village of Menands. I wanted to keep the community updated with the projects I am working on so you know what to look forward to in terms of economic development. One big project is the Village's partnership with CGI Videos who will help make promotional videos for the Village. The date to film these videos is April 15th and there will be videos focusing on community relations and quality of life. Another project to look forward to is the Summer Food Truck Festival the Village will be holding this summer. On July 13, July 20, July 27, & August 3 from 4:30-7:30 pm the Village will be hosting a Food Truck Festival with food trucks, live entertainment, and local artists in Ganser-Smith Memorial Park. Please feel free to reach out with any questions or ideas you may have at intern@villageofmenands.com.

COVID - 19 TEST KITS

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

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.

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.

MENANDS FIRE CO. #1. INC.

The next meeting of the Menands Fire Co.#1, Inc will be held on **April 5, 2022**, in person at the firehouse. Meeting time is 8:00 p.m.

FISH FRYS

Ahoy Mateys, it is that time again! Menands Fire Company #1 will be serving our world famous Fish Frys on the following dates: March 18, March 25, April 1 and April 8 Cost is \$12.00. See you there!!!

MENANDS FIRE CO. #1, INC AUXILIARY

The next meeting of the Menands Fire Co. #1, Inc. Auxiliary will be held on **April 13, 2022 @ 6:30 pm**. This will be held **IN PERSON** at the village hall.

CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER

The Menands St. Patrick's Club will be having a Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner-Dance on **Saturday, March 12th** at the Menands Village Hall. The dinner will be served from **4:30 to 7:30 p.m.** Entertainment will be from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. Adults \$20, Seniors \$17 and Children (12 years and under) \$10. Take out is also available for \$15.00.

More on the other side.....

CALLING ALL MENANDS ARTISTS!

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

MENANDS TBALL COED BASEBALL

Now enrolling for the Menands Tball Coed Baseball season. Please visit www.Menandsbaseball.org to enroll. Tball is ages 3-5, coed minor baseball is 6-9, major baseball 9-12. We are seeking coaches. Please reach out to Karyn Long Steurer for any questions 518-496-2411 or email her at Karyn.Long@coldwellbankerprime.com

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, masks are a must.

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 SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

2022-2023 Menands School Kindergarden 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 Mentipty by email at LMENTIPLY@Menands.Org or by phone at 518-465-4561 EXT. 118

MENANDS DRAMA CLUB

The Drama Club is in search of the following items for their March production. They would be happy to return any items loaned! In search of:

Clothes Pins, Drink Cart, (wooden is best), Wheelbarrow, Metal Trash Cans, Floral/Leafy Garland, Shrubbery, Washboard, Metal Buckets, Metal Boat.

Thanks for your help! Liz Mentipty Menands Union Free School District Phone (518) 465-4561 ext. 118

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 or visit danafarber.jimmyfund.org. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your generosity! Christa LaFleur

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 29th at 7:00 pm**. Now we are reading "The Last House on Needless Street by Catriona Ward.

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 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 March 25, 2022, WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IN THE VILLAGE OFFICE AFTER 9 A.M. Monday, March 21, 2022.