



The News of MENANDS ACTIVITIES

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VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

The next Village Board meeting will be **Monday, October 16, 2023, at 6:00 PM at 250 Broadway**. The link to attend the meeting virtually is meet.google.com/mre-txbp-btk or by phone (US) +1 401-646-0768 pin: 541-841-494#. All are encouraged to attend or submit comments in writing to Clerk Don Handerman at handerman@villageofmenands.com before noon on the day of the meeting. **There will be a November 6, 2023, Board meeting.**

COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Village Offices, the Court and the DPW will be closed due to the holiday on **October 9, 2023**. Monday's trash pick-up will be on Tuesday, October 10 and Tuesday's trash pick-up will be on Wednesday, October 11, 2023. recycling on Thursday, October 12 remains the same. **THERE WILL BE NO SPECIAL PICK-UP THAT WEEK.**

VILLAGE TAX

Village Tax bills were due June 30, 2023, without penalty. The last day the outstanding bills can be paid is October 31, 2023. If postmarked November 1 or later, they will be returned to the sender as the unpaid taxes will be relieved to the Albany County tax. If you need to verify the current amount due, please contact Nicole at 518-434-2922 or ognann@villageofmenands.com.

WATER & SEWER BILLS

Water & Sewer bills were due without penalty July 31, 2023. Please include the proper interest amount due. Unpaid water & sewer bills will be added to the January bill if unpaid as of December 1st. If you need to verify the current amount due, please contact Nicole at 518-434-2922 or ognann@villageofmenands.com.

FROM THE CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

The Centennial Garden Flags are available for purchase from Nicole at the Village Office (280 Broadway) for \$25 (you may purchase a stand for an additional \$5). This purchase also gets you a raffle ticket for a commemorative park bench, which will be drawn at the Centennial Celebration Dinner on September 21, 2024.

The deadline to receive sponsorships has been extended to *November 15, 2023*. Ads should be submitted via email to 100thanniversary@villageofmenands.com.

More information can be found on the Village of Menands Centennial Committee Facebook page.

ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT

The Village of Menands Annual Water Quality Report is available on the Village of Menands Website: www.villageofmenands.com

NEW LED STREET LIGHTS

The Village of Menands, with the help of National Grid has converted all Village Street Lights to LED. This is one of many steps the Village of Menands is taking to become a Climate Smart Community.

MENANDS ROAD PAVING

On Friday, **OCTOBER 6, 2023**, Menand Road will begin to be paved. **PLEASE, NO ON STREET PARKING WHILE PAVING.**

LEAF COLLECTION

The DPW will begin to pick up leaves that are raked on to 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. **Remember no sticks, stones or twigs should be in the piles of leaves.**

MENANDS SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

The next Board of Education meeting has been scheduled for **October 10, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.**

FALL FAMILY FUN

Saturday, October 21st (rain date Sunday, Oct. 22nd)
 Fall Harvest Festival
 12:00 noon - 3:00 pm
 Ganser-Smith Memorial Park
 Crafts, vendors, local farmers, food and beverages for purchase by Menands PBA, Story Hour 12:30 - 1:30 by Menands Public Library, pumpkin painting, live music by Tame the Rooster, and more.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Sunday, October 29th

The parade beginning at Menands Fire Department (250 Broadway) begins at 1:45 PM, ending at Ganser-Smith Park for Trunk or Treat. If interested in decorating your vehicle and handing out treats, please sign up by emailing menandspolicepba@gmail.com, and have your vehicle decorated at the park by 1:30. Please plan on over 150 pieces of candy.

MENANDS FIRE CO. #1. INC.

The next meeting of the Menands Fire Co.#1, Inc will be held on **Tuesday, November 7, 2023**, at the firehouse at **7:00 P.M.**

MENANDS FIRE CO. #1, INC AUXILIARY

The next meeting of the Menands Fire Co. #1, Inc. Auxiliary will be held on **October 11, 2023**, at the firehouse. The meeting time is 6:30 P.M.

MENANDS PUBLIC LIBRARY

4 N. Lyon 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

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Fossil Party: Tuesday October 10th: from 5:00 - 6:30 pm

Come meet the new Menands Fossil and learn about ammonites and other types of fossils with Ms. Nureet. Make your own ammonite fossil to take home and dig for a shark's tooth to make a shark tooth necklace. Pizza and cake will be served. Please RSVP Friday October 6th.

Preschool Fossil Story Time: Wednesday October 11th from 10:30-11:30 am

Come join Ms. Nureet for a fun fossil themed story time and activity.

STATE URGES RESIDENTS TO BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR SPOTTED LANTERNFLY

The New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets continues to urge New Yorkers to be on the lookout for Spotted Lanternfly (SLF). SLF is a destructive pest that threatens the agriculture and forest industries by feeding on more than 70 plant species, including tree-of-heaven, and plants and crops that are critical to New York's agricultural economy, such as grapevine, apple trees, and hops. It is also a nuisance pest. In New York, SLF has been found on Staten Island, all New York City boroughs, Long Island, Port Jervis, Sloatsburg, Orangeburg, Ithaca, Binghamton, Middletown, Newburgh, Highland, and the Buffalo area. Since January 2018, the Department has been working cooperatively with multiple state and federal partners to monitor SLF populations in New York. Regulatory actions have also been put in place to mitigate the risk of SLF arriving in New York. Outreach to the public, trade groups, and other stakeholders are ongoing to provide up-to-date information related to SLF.

We need your help to ensure that SLF does not come to Menands! Check out photos of SLF at different life stages at <https://agriculture.ny.gov/plant-industry/have-you-seen-spotted-lanternfly>. From July through December, be on the lookout for adults (pictured here). During the winter season, you can also be on the lookout for egg masses. Egg masses can be found on trees, cars, and any outdoor equipment and if any are found, the Department encourages residents to scrape and destroy them. A good resource is this video. Report any sightings of SLF immediately. Follow these steps:

- Take a photo
- Collect a sample and place it in a freezer or in a jar with rubbing alcohol or hand sanitizer
- Contact the SLF responders

After you have reported SLF in your area and collected a sample, you should kill any additional SLF you see by stepping on it or crushing it. Learn more: <https://agriculture.ny.gov/spottedlanternfly>.

MENANDS PTA FUNDRAISER

The Menands PTA is excited to announce that our organization is participating in the Hoffman Car Wash Helping Hands fundraiser. The fastest and easiest way for us to sell these car wash tickets is online at our custom **homepage** on the helping hands website.

<http://www.hoffmanhelpinghands.com/fundraisers/menandspta> Here you can buy tickets and have them delivered electronically directly to an email or mobile device. You can also see our fundraiser progress and learn more about our organization. Feel free to share this address with your friends, family, coworkers – everybody needs a car wash and selling them online is easy for everyone.

If you need to sell the car wash tickets using an order form, you can print one directly from our custom web address listed above. This is very convenient if you want

to leave an order form out somewhere at work or church, for example.

Thank you for your support of the Menands PTA. Contact fundraising Chairperson with any questions: Gavin Klami, Email: gavinklami@gmail.com Phone: (908) 601-6929

MENANDS YOUTH BASKETBALL

We are happy to announce that the Menands CYO Basketball Program will return to Menands School for boys and girls in grades 3-8 for the 23-24 season. Fees to participate are \$100 for an individual player. You can register your child online by using the following link: <https://menandscyobb.sportngin.com/register/form/546681834>.

Make sure to follow our Facebook page for updates: <https://www.facebook.com/MenandsYouthBasketball>. Coaches and assistant coaches are needed for the boys' and girls' teams. Training will be provided. Please contact us at menandsbasketball@gmail.com

MENANDS SENIOR NEWS

Lanyards and health cards

All members of Town of Colonie Clubs are issued a lanyard and health card when they join. They are to be worn at all Senior sponsored events, especially meetings, parties, and trips. Lanyards indicate that you are part of a group. Health cards should be updated with your current health condition, allergies, and medications. In case of a medical emergency, the health card is invaluable to First Responders.

October 10, 2023, Oktoberfest, Log Cabin Holyoke, MA. Join Herr Schmitzel and Frau Kartoffelpuffer for an afternoon of German music, songs, polkas and plenty of German food. Cost \$75/\$85.

November 14, 2023, Nonagenarian luncheon, to celebrate life. Popeyes Chicken Lunch; Chicken, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Cole Slaw and a Biscuit, Anyone over the age of ninety eats free. Cost \$10.

November 29, 2023, NYC, on your own or **Christmas Spectacular with the Rockettes**
Bus Ticket alone \$25/\$35. With Xmas Spectacular, \$111

ALBANY RURAL CEMETERY.

On October 5th at 11am, there will be a presidential wreath laying at the grave of Chester A. Arthur. In keeping with decades of tradition, a wreath sent by the White House will be laid at the gravesite by representatives of the NY Air National Guard.

On October 7th from 11am-4pm ARC will be part of **A Path through History: Ten**

Broeck Mansion & Albany County Tour. Drive Walk Bike. Dr. Lynn Radlick will host a presentation in our Chapel. Information for the entire tour is at [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com).

On October 15th from 10am-12pm, in the ARC Chapel, The Historic Albany Foundation will present Mr. Michael Barret and his presentation on the Industrialists of Albany Rural Cemetery. More info and tickets available at: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/historicalalbanyfoundation/1012784>

Items to be included in the next edition of the Menands Activities dated October 20, 2023, WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IN THE VILLAGE OFFICE AFTER 9 A.M. Monday, October 16, 2023.