



# The News of MENANDS ACTIVITIES

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## VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

The next Village Board meeting will be **Monday, November 6, 2023, at 6:00 PM at 250 Broadway**. The link to attend the meeting virtually is [meet.google.com/mre-txpb-btk](https://meet.google.com/mre-txpb-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](mailto:handerman@villageofmenands.com) before noon on the day of the meeting.

**The Village Office, DPW, and Court will be closed for Veteran's Day Friday November 10, 2023.**

## THANKSGIVING DAY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Village Offices and the Court will be closed due to the holiday on **Thursday, November 23, 2023, and Friday, November 24, 2023**. DPW will be closed on November 23. Recycling will be Wednesday, November 22. **THERE WILL BE NO SPECIAL PICK-UP THAT WEEK.**

## 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 1<sup>st</sup>. If you need to verify the current amount due, please contact Nicole at 518-434-2922 or [ognann@villageofmenands.com](mailto:ognann@villageofmenands.com).

## Village of Menands 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](mailto:100thanniversary@villageofmenands.com).

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

## LEAF COLLECTION

The DPW will 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 **November 13, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.**

## MENANDS PUBLIC LIBRARY

4 N. Lyon Ave., Menands, NY 12204

Phobe (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

## VILLAGE OF MENANDS RECIEVES

### \$5,000 NYSERDA GRANT!

The Village of Menands has received a \$5,000 NYSERDA grant to assist with the cost of replacing 20 inoperable 1970 style aluminum windows with EnergyStar vinyl double hung Low-E Argon gas filled replacements at its Menands Firehouse Hall located at 250 Broadway in Menands. Installation of these

windows will provide better ability to keep out extreme temperatures in winter and summer while allowing natural ventilation in spring and fall. Comfort Windows INC will be handling the installation as an EnergyStar contractor. Installation is to happen within the next 30 days. Menands has been designated a NYS Climate Smart Community and these funds were provided through NYSERDA's Clean Energy Communities Program.

## THANK YOU

The October community events, (Fall Harvest Festival & Trunk or Treat), were huge successes. Special thanks to those that contributed to this success: Capital District Regional Market, Menands PBA, Menands DPW, Michelle Esposito, True Value Hardware, Menands Youth Committee, Menands Public Library, Sweet Creations, Jim Grenier & Ashley Daurio, Gary Jeffries, Tame the Rooster Band, Farmers and Vendors, Nugent Family, Centennial Committee, Dave Plouff, and Mayor Marsh & Village office and Board. Also, Kris's Mid-City Tavern, Tuscan Oven, Menands School, St. Pius School, City of Watervliet, Town of Colonie, WNYT, B95, Nicole Ognan, Village of Menands, Capital Region Market and all the social media posts to help advertise the Harvest Festival.

Additionally, Menands PBA, Menands Police Dept., Sue Gosse, Menands Fire Dept, Menands DPW, Vince and Walt from Farmers Market, Nicole Ognan, Don Handerman, Esposito and Lansing's Farms, Menands School, Youth Director Sam Hall and Counselors, the volunteers that decorated their vehicles and handed out candy and the kids in their awesome costumes for a successful Trunk or Treat.

The support from Mayor Marsh, the Village Board and the residents of these community events is what makes our village special.

Meg Grenier, Community Events Coordinator

## NYS ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY PROGRAM

Across the country, thousands of communities have signaled their commitment to keeping America beautiful by adopting stretches of highway and pledging to keep them litter-free. Participation in the program also fosters a sense of community ownership of the roadway as well as a sense of pride in its appearance. The New York State Department of Transportation has 2,400 active Adopt-A-Highway agreements in place. Volunteer groups, organizations, businesses, or individuals may adopt a segment of highway as long as there are no other adopters of that segment. **Van Rensselaer Blvd.** is looking for an adopter. The adopters agree to perform at least two pick-ups each year and the NYSDOT will collect and properly dispose of the litter the adopters have collected. For those residents who would like to get involved in such a worthwhile program, (ESPECIALLY ANY MENANDS BUSUSINESS), please contact Mayor Brian Marsh at [marshB@villageofmenands.com](mailto:marshB@villageofmenands.com)

## 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.**

**More On Other Side**

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

The next meeting of the Menands Fire Co. #1, Inc. Auxiliary will be held on **November 8, 2023**, at the firehouse. The meeting time is **6:00 P.M. NOTE TIME CHANGE**

**FOOTBALL ON THE DIAMOND**

**Sunday, November 19, 2023**

**Ganser—Smith Memorial Park (baseball field)**

**Football on the big screen (Bills vs Jets)**

**Game time 4:25 (event begins at 3:00)**

**Food and beverages available for purchase by PBA**

**Dress for the weather and bring a lawn chair.**

**Please contact:** Community Events Coordinator, Meg Grenier at [grenierm@villageofmenands.com](mailto:grenierm@villageofmenands.com) for sign up and to stay informed.

**FILL THE MAYFLOWER 2023**

Once again Menands Cares along with Clark Moving and Storage are sponsoring the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual “Fill the Mayflower” food drive to benefit local food pantries during the upcoming Holliday Season. Please mark your calendars as our volunteers will be distributing flyers on Saturday November 18 and collecting donations between 1PM and 3PM on Sunday November 19 when the “Mayflower” will be docked at Ganser Smith Park. If you can assist with distribution of flyers and/or collection of donations we would love to have you.

Please contact Paul DeDominicis at 518-365-3388 or [pdedominicis@clarkmovingofalbany.com](mailto:pdedominicis@clarkmovingofalbany.com).

The Menands community has been overwhelmingly supportive in the past and with the ever-rising cost of everything the need is greater than ever. We are counting on you! As always thank you and Happy Thanksgiving.

**MENANDS SKI & SNOWBOARD CLUB**

Now enrolling for the Menands Ski and Snowboard Club. This program starts on Wednesdays and runs 7 weeks long and is held at Jiminy Peak Mountain in Hancock Mass. A Yankee trail bus is provided in the cost of the program. The bus leaves Ganser Smith Park at 3:30 sharp and arrives home around 9:00. You can also drive yourself. The program has different enrollment options. Prices range from \$220- \$320. Children must be accompanied by an adult unless they are in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and above. This program is open to ALL ages! Any questions or to enroll please reach out to Karyn Long. [klong@cbpp.com](mailto:klong@cbpp.com) 518-496-2411. **Deadline to enroll is 11/27.**

**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/menandsp> **ta** 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](mailto: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/5466>

[81834](https://www.facebook.com/MenandsYouthBasketball). 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](mailto:menandsbasketball@gmail.com)

**Sponsor a Menands CYO Basketball Student Athlete**

The Menands CYO Basketball program is seeking donations to sponsor local athletes. The registration fee for a child to participate is \$100. per athlete, however any donation will help. Donations can be sent to the Menands Village Office, 280 Broadway, Menands, NY 12204. Any questions can be sent to [menandsbasketball@gmail.com](mailto:menandsbasketball@gmail.com). Thank you in advance for your support.

**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.

**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

**THIRD ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF TREES**

Help us light up the Ganser-Smith Park with a walk-thru tree spectacular. Families, organizations, or businesses can purchase a tree for \$100.00 and then come out on **December 3, 2023, at 2:30 p.m.** to decorate your tree. Each group or family will be in charge of bringing their own outdoor LED lights and decorations. Trees can be decorated as a family tree, in honor of or in memory of someone or to highlight your organization or business. There will be a special tree **honoring veterans**. Everyone is invited to put an ornament on for a veteran at no cost. If you have additional questions you can email [menandsstpats@gmail.com](mailto:menandsstpats@gmail.com) At **4:30 p.m.** the same day, we will light up our trees in coordination with the village tree lighting ceremony, which would be open to the public with cookies, hot chocolate, caroling, and a visit from Santa.

To purchase a tree to decorate, please fill in the below form and return with payment by **Friday, November 17, 2023**, to Menands St. Patrick’s Club 280 Broadway Menands, NY 12204. Checks payable to Menands St. Patrick’s Club.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Wording you would like to put on your tree plaque:

In honor of .....

In memory of.....

By the family of .....

Items to be included in the next edition of the Menands Activities dated November 17, 2023, WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IN THE VILLAGE OFFICE AFTER 9 A.M. Monday,