



The News of MENANDS ACTIVITIES

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VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

The next Village Board meeting will be **Monday, November 20, 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. The next Board Meeting will be December 4, 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.**

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.

If anyone has any historical photos of the Village that may be unseen by our Historian, Kevin Franklin, we would love to see them! You can send them digitally to 100thanniversary@villageofmenands.com, or drop off to Nicole at 280 Broadway.

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.

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. NO PLASTIC BAGS**

MENANDS FIRE CO. #1. INC.

The next meeting of the Menands Fire Co.#1, Inc will be held on **Tuesday, December 5, 2023, at the firehouse at 7:00 P.M.**

MENANDS SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

The next Board of Education meeting has been scheduled for **December 11, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.**

MENANDS FIRE CO. #1, INC AUXILIARY

The next meeting of the Menands Fire Co. #1, Inc. Auxiliary will be held on **December 13, 2023, at the firehouse**. The meeting time is **6:30 P.M. Bring a grab-bag gift worth \$15.00, 4 dozen cookies and a container if participating in the cookie exchange.**

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

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)
In the spirit of Thanksgiving, please bring a non-perishable food item to help Fill the Mayflower.
Food and beverages available for purchase by PBA
Dress for the weather and bring a lawn chair.
 Please contact either Fire Chief Ognan at firechief@villageofmenands.com or Community Events Coordinator, Meg Grenier at 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 16th 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.

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.

VILLAGE ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING

Sunday, December 3, 2023
 Ganser-Smith Memorial Park
 4:00 (tree lighting at 4:30)
 Refreshments, caroling and a visit with Santa.
 Any questions contact Meg,
 Community Events Coordinator, at
grenierm@villageofmenands.com

More on the other side.....

C. P. HOLIDAY TRAIN AND CONCERT

The Canadian Pacific Holiday Train is once again stopping in Menands. The train will stop on Menand Road railway, Ganser Smith Memorial Park, 53 Menands Road on **Friday, Nov. 24 at 3:45 p.m. and will hold a concert from 4 – 4:30 p.m.**

There will be **No Parking** on Menands Road, North Lyons Ave. and Tillinghast Ave. Station St. will also be closed. Parking only on the right side of Villa Road. Event Parking will be at Kasselmann Electric at 279 Broadway. There will be buses to drive you to Clifford Road.

The 2023 CPKC Holiday Train tours Canada and the United States Nov. 20 through Dec. 19, raising money, food, and awareness for the important work that food banks do in their communities. Professional musicians play free concerts from the brightly decorated train's stage. CPKC will make a donation to the local food shelf at each stop and encourages attendees to also donate. Since its inception in 1999, the CPKC Holiday Train has raised more than \$22.5 million and more than 5 million pounds of food for community food banks across North America.

MENORAH LIGHTING

There will be a Menorah Lighting on **December 11, 2023**, at 5 P.M. at 250 Broadway in the Village Hall. Food and Refreshments will be provided. All are invited to attend. Parking is available at 280 Broadway.

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 at 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 5th grade and above. This program is open to ALL ages! Any questions or to enroll please reach out to Karyn Long. klong@cbpp.com 518-496-2411. **Deadline to enroll is 11/27.**

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

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. Thank you in advance for your support.

NYS ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY PROGRAM

The Village of Menands wants to thank Hoffman's Car Wash for adopting Van Rensselaer Blvd as part of New York State DOT Adopt a Highway Program.

MENANDS SENIOR NEWS

November 29, 2023, NYC, on your own or **Christmas Spectacular with the Rockettes**

Bus Ticket alone \$25/\$35. With Xmas Spectacular, \$111 **December 5, 2023. Tuesday 12:00 noon till 3:00 p.m. Annual Holiday Party with Santa** at the Joseph E Zaloga Post #1520 4 Everett Road Ext., Albany N.Y. Chicken or Roast Pork, dressing, potatoes, Vegetable, rolls and beverages. Ample Parking, Handicapped Accessible, Paul Slusar will entertain. \$10 Grab bag, Lottery tree. **Firm Reservation deadline 11-29-2023.**

Debbie Teitsch now has 2024 Membership Cards and is taking renewals.

TOYS FOR TOTS

Menands Police will be collecting unwrapped toys for the Toys For Tots Program. Please drop off in the lobby of the Police Department or the Village Office.

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 veteran**. Everyone is invited to put an ornament on for a veteran at no cost. If you have additional questions you can email menandsstpat@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.

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 December 1, 2023, WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IN THE VILLAGE OFFICE AFTER 9 A.M. Monday, November 27, 2023.
