



The News of MENANDS ACTIVITIES

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VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

The next Village Board meeting will be **Monday, December 4, 2023, 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) +1 401-646-0768 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 18, 2023

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Village Offices, DPW and the Court will be closed due to the holiday on Friday, **December 22** at 12 Noon and remain closed through Monday, **December 25, 2023**. Trash pick-up will be on Tuesday, December 26. Recycling will remain the same. **THERE WILL BE NO SPECIAL PICK-UP THAT WEEK.**

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 December 29th, 2023, and due January 31, 2024, without penalty. 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.

MENANDS CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Mark your 2024 Calendars with our *Key Dates!*

Car Show: May 18, 2024, rain date of May 25th

Parade & Picnic: June 1, 2024

Community Night: August 21, 2024

Centennial Gala (final event): September 21, 2024

Stay tuned for more information and pop-up events.

Garden flags are available for purchase from Nicole at the Village Office, and the committee welcomes any historical photos you may have regarding the Village. Email 100thanniversary@villageofmenands.com for any questions.

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

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 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

TOYS FOR TOTS

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

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.

CHRISTMAS SHOP AND BAKE SALE

Friends of Albany Rural Cemetery Christmas Shop and Bake Sale, December 3rd from 10AM-4PM at the Chapel. 3 Cemetery Ave., Menands.

Celebrate the holiday season by visiting our second annual Friends of ARC Christmas Shop and Bake Sale. Unique holiday gifts, Christmas décor, and ARC merchandise will be available for purchase, and our bake sale will tempt you with a wide variety of yummy treats.

HOLIDAY MAKERS MARKET & FOOD DRIVE

Start your Holiday Shopping at the Holiday Makers Market located in the Train Shed of Riverview Innovation Center on **Thursday, December 7th from 11am-3pm**. The market will feature local makers offering unique handmade items, live music from the local duo South Allen, and complimentary hot cocoa and cookies. The event will also include a Food Drive to benefit the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern NY. Donations of non-perishable food and personal care items are always appreciated! Parking is available in the visitor lot and admission is free.

More on the other side.....

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. An adult must accompany children unless they are in 5th grade and above. This program is open to ALL ages! Any questions, please reach out to Karyn Long. klong@cbpp.com 518-496-2411.

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.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Great time and turnout for "Football on the Diamond." Thank you to the Menands PBA, DPW, members of the Menands Fire Department, Menands Kickball League, N, Lyons Neighborhood Crew, Angelo Primo, Nicole Ognan, Paul DeDominicis, Karyn Long-Steurer and Tuscan Oven Pizza for their role in making the event a success. A very special thank you to Mayor Brian Marsh, the Nugent Family, Jim and Jim Grenier, Ashley Daurio, David Ognan, Mike Steurer, Mike Hagmann, Bryan Lemyre, Tony Lipari, PJ Stone, Mike Case, Dan Braden, Kevin Schwebke and the PBA, for help with setting up and breaking down the event, and all those who came out in the chilly weather to watch football and spend a fun afternoon with friends, family and neighbors. It does indeed take a village!

Meg Grenier, Community Events Coordinator

A GREAT SUCCESS

The CPKC Holiday Train was a great success. There were over 200 bags of non-perishable food items and over \$900 in cash donations in addition to the \$1,000 donated by the Canadian Pacific Kansas City Holiday train to the Sacred Heart Food Pantry. Sister Mary Ellen is very appreciative to all who donated.

A SPECIAL THANK-YOU FROM A FRIEND

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of my customers (two legged and four legged) that I have had the pleasure to deliver to over the past 20 plus years. With the busy holiday season right around the corner, I might not be able to see everyone to say thank you.

This village has opened their homes and hearts to me for 20 plus years, I have had the privilege to get to know you all and to watch you and your families grow. You may be wondering why I am writing this, well after 35 years with UPS, I will be hanging up the brown uniform on January 4, 2024. You all have made me feel so loved, like I am one of your neighbors. It will definitely be a very sad day for me, but I will have years of memories that will make it a little bit easier.

Thank you again for all the memories,
John Creech, your UPS driver

MENANDS SENIOR NEWS

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

SOLAR SIMPLIFIED PARTNERSHIP

The Village of Menands is excited to announce its partnership with **Solar Simplified** to promote clean solar power and energy savings for our community through a Community Solar Program. Community Solar is a New York State program which allows enrolled renters, homeowners, and businesses to lower their monthly utility bills while supporting locally generated solar power without installing panels on their property.

These Community Solar projects, located within the National Grid utility territory, are on a first come, first served basis. Because of the legally mandated guaranteed savings nature of Community Solar, a 10% discount on solar credits, this program is not only good for the environment, but also for your wallet!

There is no cost to enroll in Community Solar and if you are not satisfied with your **Solar Simplified** subscription, you may cancel at any time without penalty. It is completely risk-free. Look for details coming in the mail and online very soon!

Items to be included in the next edition of the Menands Activities dated December 15, 2023, WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IN THE VILLAGE OFFICE AFTER 9 A.M. Monday, December 11, 2023.
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