



The News of MENANDS ACTIVITIES

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VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

The next Village Board meeting will be **Monday, December 18, 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 **Tuesday, January 2, 2024**.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Village Offices, DPW, and Court will be closed due to the holiday on Friday, **December 22** at 12 Noon and will remain closed through **Monday, December 25, 2023**. Monday's trash pick-up will be on Tuesday, December 26, and Tuesday's trash pick-up will be December 27. Recycling will remain the same. **THERE WILL BE NO SPECIAL PICK-UP THAT WEEK.**

NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Village Offices, DPW, and Court will be closed due to the holiday on Monday, January 1, 2024. Trash pick-up will be on Tuesday, January 2, and January 3. Recycling will remain the same. **THERE WILL BE NO SPECIAL PICK-UP THAT WEEK.**

WATER & SEWER

NOTICE OF PENALTY CHANGE

Please be advised, that the Water and Sewer Bill penalty has changed; beginning on the January 2024 billing statement, you will find that **the due date has been extended to 45 days, and the penalty is now a one-time 10% (per billing cycle) imposed on the 46th day for late payment.**

The current fiscal billing structure remains; however, July's water & sewer bill will now be due August 15, 10% penalty assessed on August 16. Delinquent bills remaining as of December 1st will be added to January's bill as a past-due amount. January's bill will be due February 15th, with the 10% penalty assessed February 16th, any delinquent bills as of May 1st will be levied to the Village Tax bills with a \$50-dollar relevy & sewer fee.

SANTA (& THE GRINCH) ARE COMING TO THE VILLAGE!

December 16, 2023 – Starting at 9 AM

Santa, along with a special guest, the Grinch, are coming to the village, along with the Menands Fire and Police Departments! To donate a new & unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots, please be out at the end of your driveway – this is also the best way to see Santa!

Santa's Route: Santa will start at the Northend of the village; first up Harts Ln, Louis Ave, & Glenwood Rd, up to Bridge Rd, Sage Ct, then to Sage Estate. Next up – Sage Hill Lane area, then to the Park Drive neighborhood. After that, we will head over to the Sky Hollow Drive neighborhood, then into the Southend, finishing in the heart of the village.

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Keep an eye on the Menands Fire Department Facebook page for location updates and more details on the day.

MENANDS FIRE CO. #1, INC.

The next meeting of the Menands Fire Co.#1, Inc will be held on **Tuesday, January 2, 2024**, at the firehouse at **7:00 P.M.**

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.

MENANDS SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

The next Board of Education meeting has been scheduled for **January 8, 2024, 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 **January 10, 2024**, at the Village Hall. The meeting time is **6:30 P.M.** We will be **making Valentine's for the FASNY Firefighters' home.**

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

Check the Library's calendar on our website for a complete list of programs.

Unravel Adult Fiber Crafting Social Group

This group meets on the second Tuesday of the month. Join us for an adult social group focused on fiber crafts. Bring your own craft and socialize with other crafters.

Spice of the Month Club

December is cardamom. Come grab your free sample at the library.

LEAF PICK UP

DPW will only be picking up leaves that are bagged in lawn bags and branches the are 3 feet long bundled.

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TOYS FOR TOTS

Menands Police will be collecting new, unopened, and unwrapped toys for the Toys for Tots. Please drop them off in the lobby of the Police Department or the Village Office. The last day for donations will be Saturday, December 16, 2023.

MENANDS PTA DINNER

Dine to donate!

The PTA is hosting a spaghetti dinner on **Wednesday, December 20th from 4-7 p.m.** at Menands School. Eat in or pickup will be available. Order ahead online by visiting: <https://menandsschool.memberhub.com/store/items/967548> or emailing the PTA at: Menandsschoolpta@gmail.com Same day orders will be accepted while supplies last.

THANK YOU

The tree lighting ceremony was well attended and fun for all ages. A very special thank you to Mayor Brian Marsh for offering his assistance and taking charge in my absence. Thank you also to Youth Director Sam Hall and counselors, Menands School Choir under the direction of Lauren Hayes, Menands DPW (including Kelvin, Mark, and Gary), Menands PBA, Menands St Patrick's Club, Kerry Wroblewski, Mike Hagmann, the Nugent & Primo Families, Clerk Don Handerman, True Value Hardware, AM&J Digital, and of course Santa. If you haven't had a chance to check out the beautiful trees in the park it is worth the trip! Happy Holidays, Meg, Community Events Coordinator

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.

MENANDS SENIOR NEWS

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's completely risk-free. Look for details coming in the mail and online very soon!

Website: solarsimplified.com/menands

THANK YOU

Menands Cares and Clark Moving and storage of Albany would like to thank the Menands Community for their overwhelming support of the 15th Annual "Fill the Mayflower" food drive.

We filled over 60 large cartons with donations as well as raised over \$1200.00 in cash donations that will benefit 5 local food pantries this Holiday Season. This strong sense of caring and community is what makes Menands a wonderful place to live. Thank you again and best wishes for a Happy Holiday Season and a Safe and Prosperous 2024.

Items to be included in the next edition of the Menands Activities dated December 29, 2023, WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IN THE VILLAGE OFFICE AFTER 9 A.M. Tuesday, December 26, 2023.
