



The News of MENANDS ACTIVITIES

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VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

The next Village Board meeting will be **Monday, March 4, 2024, at 6:00 PM at 250 Broadway**. The link to attend the meeting virtually is meet.google.com/mre-txbp4-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 Handerhan at handerhand@villageofmenands.com before noon on the day of the meeting.

VILLAGE OF MENANDS ZBA PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, March 14, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. at 250 Broadway to consider the following application for an Area Variance. Johnathan Geist, **1 West Kenmar** is looking for an Area Variance for proposed garage structure to be built within the minimum setbacks in the R-1 Zone in the Village Code. The location of the potential garage is encroaching the minimum rear setbacks of 20" based on Chapter 169-15 (G) of Village Code. The property is in the "R-1" zone. Nurettin Ulukaya - Daniel C Kaufman PE - **33 and 37A Clifford Road** they are looking for an Area Variance for development of a new home. The property is zoned in an R-1 area with the minimum lot dimensions as follows: (1) Minimum lot size: 8,000 square feet lot is 5507 square feet. (2) Minimum lot width: 70 feet lot is 41.25 feet wide. This can all be found in The Village of Menands Code in Chapter 169. Such Public Hearings are open to the public and are handicap accessible. You can also join via Google Meet at meet.google.com/nve-bwcf-qge or join by phone (US) at 1+620-712-2508 (PIN: 738 092 446#). All are encouraged to attend or to present comments in writing before noon on the day of the meeting to lyonc@villageofmenands.com

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

CHANGES TO POLICE DISPATCH SYSTEM

If you have an EMERGENCY, DIAL 911. To have Menands Police dispatched to you, DIAL 911. For non-emergencies, you may still dial 518-463-1684 and press 6 to have Menands Police dispatched to you. Fire and EMS calls continue to be dispatched through the Town of Colonie. There is no change to this process, however, call 911 gets you in touch with them quicker. The Village Police Office and Village Court Office at 250 Broadway are staffed business days (excluding holidays) from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

WATER & SEWER BILLS

Village water and sewer bills were due without penalty by February 15, 2024. Please be aware that homeowners are responsible for all Village bills and timely payment - even if lost in the mail. If the bill remains unpaid as of February 16, please include the 10% penalty. If you need to verify the current amount due, please call Nicole at 518-434-2922.

PARK RENTAL

Park reservations begin **March 1, at 8:00 a.m.** for the 2024 season, which runs from April 15th to October 31st (weather permitting.) \$150 deposit and you must have a certificate of insurance from your homeowners or Renter's insurance. The park permit will not be issued until both deposit and certificate of insurance are received. \$100 will be returned after the event.

2024 SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

Applicants must be residents of the Village of Menands and be between 14 years of age and college age. Applications for Employment **MUST** be completed and may be obtained from the Village Office Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Working papers (**if under the age of 18**) must be attached to the completed application and returned to the Village Office.

MENANDS FIRE CO. #1. INC.

The next meeting of the Menands Fire Co.#1, Inc will be held **on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at the firehouse at 7:00 P.M.**

SOUTH END WATER AND SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

Public information meeting is available on the Village of Menands Website www.villageofmenands.com.

MENANDS FIRE CO #1 – FRIDAY FISH FRY

Yes, folks, our fish fries are back! Mark your calendars for Feb. 23rd, March 1st and March 8th, 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm eat in or take out. Meal includes Fish fry (w/roll) choice of sauce, french fries, coleslaw & desert - \$12. Cheese pizza is also available for purchase. \$3 for 2 slices or \$10 for a pie.

APPLICATION INFORMATION ON EXEMPTIONS

Application for Volunteer Firefighters/Ambulance workers Exemption: Applications must be received by the TOWN OF COLONIE ASSESSORS' OFFICE (534 New Loudon Rd) by 3/1/2024 for qualified residents to receive the tax credit on the 2024 Assessment Roll (taking effect on the villages 2025-2026 taxes). The amount of the exemption is up to 10% of the assessed value of the property. All applicants must be an active volunteer firefighter and must have been an active volunteer for at least 2 years prior to applying for the exemption. The application is NOT available for individuals who are social members, individuals who are currently not active (even if they were active for many years in the past), or those who are receiving any type of compensation from the fire district. Prior to submitting the application to the Town, the Menands Village Clerk will need to certify the applications.

MENANDS SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

The next Board of Education meeting has been scheduled for March 11, 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 Wednesday, **March 13, 2024**, at the firehouse. The meeting time is **6:30 P.M.**

MENANDS ST. PATRICK'S CLUB

The Menands St. Patrick's Club was started in 1964 and this year marks the 60th anniversary of the club. We are looking for new club members to keep the tradition of the club alive. Come to one of our virtual meetings and see what it's all about. If you would like to join us, email menandsstpats@gmail.com and the zoom link will be sent out. Our meeting dates are February 25 and March 3 and 10 @ 12:00.

CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER

The Menands St. Patrick's Club Dinner-Dance will be held on **Saturday, March 16th** at the Menands Village Hall. The dinner will be served from **4:30 to 7:30 p.m.** Entertainment will be from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. with Big Radio, bag pipers and Irish Step Dancers. Adults \$20, Seniors \$17, and Children (12 years and under) \$10. and take out \$15.00. If you have any questions, you can email them to menandsstpats@gmail.com

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 SENIOR NEWS

Debbie Teitsch now has 2024 Membership Cards and is taking renewals. If you need to renew by mail Debbie's address is 3 Cornell Drive Menands, N.Y. However, mandatory lanyards cannot be mailed. Questions, call Debbie, 518-487-4583.

TRIPS PLANNED FOR 2024

3/13/2024, AN IRISH AFTERNOON, East Durham, NY: Our Lady of Knock Shrine, Guaranteed Irish *Goods Shop* and The Shamrock Tavern. \$35/\$45

3/16/2024, RIDE THE TROLLEY, in the Albany St. Patrick's Day Parade, it's free. Attend the Menands St. Patrick's Club Festivities after the Parade: Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner, Irish Entertainment.

4/16/2024, "BEEHIVE," a 60'S MUSICAL, Hunterdon Hills Playhouse, Hampton, NJ. Dinner and a show; featuring the music of Aretha Franklin, Tina Turner, and Janis Joplin.

5/-5/11/2024 Timeless Hits "My Boyfriend's Back," "Son of a Preacher Man," and "You Don't Own Me." Gift shop and Bakery on premises. \$80

5/5-5/11 MYRTLE BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA:

Hotel accommodation on the beach. Tour Includes: Dinner Cruise, 2 Fabulous Shows, Tours of Georgetown, SC, Barefoot Landing. \$1,105ppdbl, \$1,484ppsingle, \$1,085pptriple. Day trips are for all Seniors members. The \$10 difference in price is only for out-of-Town residents. Overnight trips are open to everyone, regardless of age or residence.

MENANDS T-BALL & COED BASEBALL LEAGUE

Now enrolling for the 2024 Menands T-Ball and Coed Baseball League. Ages 4-11. Please visit our website www.Menandsbaseball.org to enroll. Opening day is Saturday 4/27. Enrollment closes 4/1. We are always looking for coaches! Please let us know if you are able to help. Any questions on the league please feel free to reach out to Karyn Steurer 518-496-2411 or email us at menandsbaseball@gmail.com

MENANDS PUBLIC LIBRARY

4 N. Lyons 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 around fiber crafts. Bring your own craft and socialize with others crafters.

Unravel Meeting Schedule (updated):

Tuesday's March 12th, April 9th, May 14th, June 11th, July 9th, August 13th, September 10th, October 8th, November 12th, December 10th

Spice of the Month Club

February is mint. March Amchur (Mango) Ground Powder. Come grab your free sample at the library.

Ms. Sherry's Children Cooking Classes, 4:30-5:30 pm Please call-in advance to register.

March 14th: Coconut and Chocolate Chip Cookies

April 11th: French Fries

May 16th: Vegetable Pizza

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The 1st Wednesday of each month

March 6 • April 3, 10:30 – 11:30 AM

The Living Room Art Gallery at Historic St. Agnes Cemetery 48 Cemetery Ave. Menands, NY 12204

Grief is a difficult emotion to cope with and can be very isolating. We recognize and experience the grief of loss with our visitors every day. So many visiting the cemetery feel an emptiness that can be overwhelming and difficult to share with others. Grief is not something that can be cured; however, you may find comfort and understanding in talking with other people that are experiencing grief and loss, similar to you. Our bereavement support group provides a safe and confidential place for those who are grieving to share their stories, experiences, show compassion to one another, and remember loved ones. Join us for one or more sessions. Are you unsure if you're ready or want to talk or share your experience? We welcome those who may just want to try a bereavement support group and listen in a comforting, no pressure environment. Please note that this is not formal counseling. Our trained facilitators will help guide the conversation and ensure everyone is comfortable in a safe and confidential environment. Our bereavement support group is free of charge and open to anyone struggling with the loss of a loved one. There is no fee to attend, but please pre-register with Kelly: (518) 350-7679 or Kelly@ADCemeteries.org

Items to be included in the next edition of the Menands Activities dated March 8, 2024, WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IN THE VILLAGE OFFICE AFTER 9 A.M. Monday, March 4, 2024.