



The News of MENANDS ACTIVITIES

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VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

The next Village Board meeting will be **Monday, February 5, 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 Handerman at handerman@villageofmenands.com before noon on the day of the meeting. The next Board Meeting will be Tuesday, February 20, 2024.

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.

PRESIDENTS DAY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Village Offices, DPW, and the Court will be closed. due to the holiday on Monday, February 19, 2024. Monday's trash pick-up will be on Tuesday, February 20, and Tuesday's trash pick-up will be on Wednesday February 21. Recycling will remain the same. **THERE WILL BE NO SPECIAL PICK-UP ON 2/21.**

SOUTH END WATER AND SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

Public information meeting is available on the Village of Menands Website <https://www.villageofmenands.com>.

WATER & SEWER BILLS

Village water and sewer bills are 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 the envelope is not postmarked before 2/16, payment will not be accepted without penalty, and it will be returned for missing (or incorrect) penalty.**

VILLAGE OF MENANDS RECOGNITION

The Village of Menands would like to recognize the passing of Paul Cooney, a lifelong Resident, Past ZBA Chair and Village W/Engineer.

MENANDS FIRE CO. #1. INC.

The next meeting of the Menands Fire Co.#1, Inc will be held on **Tuesday, February 6, 2024, at the firehouse at 7:00 P.M.**

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 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. There will be no meeting in February.**

MENANDS SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

The next Board of Education meeting has been scheduled for **February 12, 2024, at 6:30 P.M**

CALLING ALL MENANDS CYO ALUMNI

Join us for a friendly game against current 8th graders. To play please email menandsbasketball@gmail.com. The cost to play is \$10 per player. Saturday, February 17th, 11 a.m. at Menands School \$10 per adult, Kids free. All proceeds will go to help purchase new equipment for the league.

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 18, 25 and March 3 and 10 @ 12:00.

PAINT NIGHT

The Menands St. Patrick's Club will be hosting a Paint Night on **February 29th from 6:30-8:30** at the Village Hall. The cost is \$35.00. This includes instruction by Lori Washburn, painting supplies, completed painting to take home, snacks and drinks. The class is limited to 40 people. RSVP to menandsstpats@gmail.com. Payment can be dropped off or mailed to: Menands St. Patrick's Club 280 Broadway Menands, NY 12204.

More on the other side.....

POM POMS

Any Menands girls (grade 3 & up) who wishes to participate as a Pom Pom girl in the Albany St. Patrick's Parade on March 16th are asked to call Megan Lawrence @ 518-894-8860 or email megge88@gmail.com. Any grade 3 and 4 girls interested, a parent or guardian must accompany them in the parade.

MISS COLLEEN CONTEST

Any Village girl, 9th grade or older, may enter with their parent's permission. Miss Colleen will represent Menands in the Albany St. Patrick's Parade on March 16th and host the dinner dance held at the Village Hall that evening. Please fill out entry form below and mail to Menands St. Patrick's Club, 280 Broadway, Menands, N.Y. 12204 (or drop it off at the Village Office). **All entries must be received by February 14th.**

Name _____
Age/Grade _____
Address _____
Phone # _____
Parent Signature _____

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 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 on fiber crafts. Bring your own craft and socialize with other crafters.

Unravel Spring Meeting Schedule:

Tuesday Jan 9th

Tuesday Feb 13th

Tuesday March 12th

Tuesday April 9th

Tuesday May 14th

Spice of the Month Club

January is in Marjoram. Come grab your free sample at the library.

Kids Embroidery Class with Ms. Sherry

January 5th through March 7th. Ages 6 to 19 years.

All materials w provided for a beginner course in embroidery. Call in advance to make sure Ms. Sherry is in.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The 1st Wednesday of each month

February 7 • 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 are 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 February 23, 2024, WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IN THE VILLAGE OFFICE AFTER 9 A.M. Tuesday, February 20, 2024.