



MENANDS MONTHLY

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MAYOR'S CORNER

- Recently, the NYS Controller produced a report suggesting the need for improvements at municipal buildings across New York State. <https://www.osc.ny.gov/press/releases/2025/05/local-governments-should-improve-accessibility-new-yorkers>. Therefore, I am working with our engineers to provide suggestions for the Village Municipal Building at 250 Broadway and intend to apply for grant funding for nearly \$1 million in improvements to make our municipal building safer, more accessible, more energy efficient, and to maximize the space we use for all Village functions.
- I recently signed a shared-services agreement with Albany County for the Village of Menands to participate in the Albany County Health Care Cooperative. Our participation in this health care pool will ensure our employees have access to quality health coverage at a far more reasonable and stable cost than what we can obtain from private markets. Controlling health care costs is essential to rein in necessary tax increases. This allows us to redirect dollars to other necessities. For the 2025 insurance year, our CDPHP rate increase was +18.7%, while the Cooperative's rate increased by only 5%. This is a win for Menands and our employees!
- NSH USA has started its \$8 million expansion project at 47 Broadway. They hope to be operational by mid-fall 2025, and new jobs will follow.
- Over the past two years, I have worked with our neighboring municipalities on a NYS DOT-inspired vision to reimagine RT 32 (Broadway). We hope to present a draft version of the recommendations for public comment to enhance safety for pedestrians, bikers, traffic, and public transportation. We aim to improve this essential corridor, making it more convenient, visually appealing, environmentally friendly, and a Main Street to be proud of. Great things are on the way!

BUILDING PERMITS REMINDER

With better weather upon us, the Village of Menands reminds residents that most home improvement projects involving construction require a building permit. This includes work on decks, pools, additions, roofing, plumbing, electrical systems, heating, and cooling. For details on projects that are exempt from needing a building permit, please refer to Chapter 71 of the Village Code, available on the Village website at MenandsNY.gov, or contact the Building Department. We're here to assist you!

VILLAGE ELECTIONS

Mark your calendars! The Village of Menands election is set for Tuesday, June 17, 2025, from 12 noon to 9 p.m., on the second floor of the Firehouse. Voters will elect 2 Village Trustee positions. Your candidates running for the Office of Village Trustee:

- ◆ Seth Harris, Ruso Drive, Menands NY
- ◆ Timothy Lane, Sage Court, Menands NY
- ◆ Lisa Neuman, Glenwood Road, Menands, NY
- ◆ Bill Nevins, Wolfert Avenue, Menands, NY

VILLAGE REGISTRATION DAY

Village Registration Day will be held on Saturday, June 7, from 12 PM to 5 PM in the lobby of the Firehouse. If you are not registered to vote in Albany County, you can register on that day.

EARLY VOTING AND ABSENTEE VOTING

Applications to vote early by mail can be obtained from the Village Website or the Village Office. If you are already enrolled in the permanent Absentee Voting program with Albany County, you do not need to submit a new absentee ballot application. For those who do require an absentee ballot, applications are available on the Village Website or at the Village Office.

If you have any questions, please contact Don Handerhan, Village Clerk, at 518-434-2922 or via email at dhanderhan@menandsny.gov.

CONCERTS IN THE PARK

6 PM – 8:30 PM

July 8 New York Players

July 15 Get Up Jack

July 22 Lustre Kings

July 29 The Ultimates

August 5 Tame The Rooster

August 12 Soul Sky

Food and beverages are available for purchase by the Menands Fire Company

This year, the Rain Location will be at the Menands Market

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FOOD TRUCKS

6 PM – 8:30 PM

July 9 Hammerhead Horns

July 16 Christine Spero Duo

July 23 F'NTR

July 30 Steve & Shannon

Various Food Trucks with a Variety of Food Options

VILLAGE COMMUNITY NIGHT

Wednesday, August 20, 5 PM – 8 PM

Family Fun, Kids Activities, Music by Roadhouse 60's

Food and beverages are available for purchase



REMINDERS FROM MENANDS DPW

- TRASH - Monday or Tuesday pickup, depending on your neighborhood
 - TRASH MUST be in a sealed container. No loose bags
- Wednesday Bulk Item Pickup: You must call the Village Office before 3:45 on Tuesday
- Thursday Recycling Day
 - RECYCLING MUST be in a sealed container. No loose bags
- Friday is YARD WASTE pickup.
 - Yard Waste must be in biodegradable bags or a container
 - Branches must be cut into 4-foot sections
- If there is a Holiday, Trash Pickup will be moved by one day, and there will be no WEDNESDAY BULK ITEM Pickup.

**ALL TRASH OR RECYCLING MUST BE OUT BEFORE 7 AM.
DPW WILL NOT RETURN TO PICKUP ONCE THE ROUTE IS COMPLETE. YOU CAN PUT ITEMS OUT THE DAY PRIOR AFTER 4 PM.**

WATER AND SEWER BILLS

This is a friendly reminder to keep an eye out for your Village of Menands Water & Sewer Bills, which will be sent out on July 1, 2025, and are due by August 15, 2025. Please be aware that homeowners are responsible for all Village bills and timely payment, even if they are lost in the mail. If you have not received your bill by July 11, please email Mary Jane Vredenburg at mjvredenburg@menandsny.gov or call 518-434-2922 to request a copy. You can pay your bill online using X-Press Pay. The link is available on the Village homepage, MenandsNY.gov.



PATROLMAN JOSEPH MURRAY

Menands proudly celebrates Patrolman Joseph Murray, pictured here with Chief Ryan St. Gelais and Sergeant Robert Stark, for his outstanding achievement in leading the Menands Police Department in DWI arrests. He was honored with the Recognition of Excellence Award at the 2025 MADD New York, New Jersey & Pennsylvania NYS Law Enforcement Recognition Event, held on April 30, 2025, in Albany. Working the overnight shift, Patrolman Murray has demonstrated relentless dedication to combating impaired driving and ensuring the safety of our roads. This well-deserved recognition highlights his exceptional commitment to our community. Congratulations, Patrolman Murray!

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Police, Fire, and EMS	911
Menands Police Non- Emergency	518 463-1681
Menands Court	518 434-3992
Menands Fire Department	518 463-9494
Menands DPW	518 434-2922
Menands Village Office	518 434-2922
Menands Building/Code Enforcement	518 434-2922
Menands School	518 465-4561
Menands Public Library	518 463-4035
Town of Colonie	518 783-2700
Colonie Supervisor	518 783-2778
Colonie Town Clerk	518 783-2734
Colonie Assessor	518 783-2701
Colonie Community Development	518 783-2718
Colonie Senior Resources	518 459-5051
Colonie Historian	518 782-2601
Colonie Police, Fire, and EMS	518 783-2711
Colonie Animal Control	518 783-2711
Colonie Landfill	518 783-2827
Colonie Tax Department	518 783-2730
Albany County	518 447-7000
Albany County Board of Elections	518 487-5060
Albany County Clerk	518 487-5100
National Grid	800 642-4272
Spectrum Cable/Internet	518 869-5500
Poison control	800 222-1222
St Peters ER	518-525-1324
Albany Med ER	518 262-3131
Memorial ER	518 471-3221
Samaritan ER	518 271-3300



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SOUTH END WATER / SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

After years of planning, the South End Water and Sewer Project has finally received the green light. The winning bid was approved during the Village Board meeting on May 5, 2025, and construction is expected to begin by the end of June. A formal announcement will be made once a specific start date is confirmed, likely in June.

PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT

Proper disposal of surplus paint is essential for the environment.

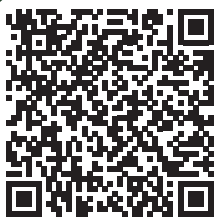
Paint is energy-intensive to produce and a noxious contaminant to our soil and water supply. Recycling one gallon of paint saves 13 gallons of water, protects 250,000 gallons of water from pollution, and prevents 14 pounds of carbon dioxide emissions.

To find a paint recycling location, please go to www.paintcare.org and enter your zip code in the search bar.

VILLAGE TAX BILLS

Village Tax Bills are due without penalty on June 30, 2025. Please include the proper interest amount with your payment, as it needs to be the exact amount which can be found on your bill. The only payments that will be accepted without penalty are those that are postmarked on the due date or before it. Please be aware that homeowners are responsible for all Village bills and timely payment – even if it was lost in the mail. If you did not receive a paper copy of your Tax Bill and do not have your taxes paid by an escrow account, please contact Mary Jane at mjvredenburg or call 518-434-2922 for a copy of your bill.

SCHOOL CALENDAR



Receive the monthly newsletter as an email!

JUNE 2025

MENANDS ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
01	02 REGULAR TRASH 6pm Village Board Meeting 7pm Fire Dept Drill Night	03 REGULAR TRASH 7pm Fire Company Meeting	04 SPECIAL PICK UP	05 RECYCLING 9am Seniors 3pm Traffic Court	06 LEAF/BRUSH Menands School Field Day	07 10am Farmers Market 12pm Village Registration Day
08	09 REGULAR TRASH Field Day Rain Date 6:30pm Board of Education Meeting 7pm Fire Dept Drill Night	10 REGULAR TRASH 3pm DA Court Night	11 SPECIAL PICK UP 6:30pm Auxiliary Picnic and Meeting	12 RECYCLING 9am Seniors	13 LEAF / BRUSH	14 10am Farmers Market
15 FATHER'S DAY	16 REGULAR TRASH 6pm Village Board Meeting 7pm Fire Dept Drill Night	17 REGULAR TRASH 12pm-9pm Village Elections and Auxiliary Bake Sale	18 NO SPECIAL PICK UP RECYCLING 3pm Traffic Court	19 JUNETEENTH SCHOOL/VILLAGE CLOSED 9am Picnic to Seniors	20 LEAF / BRUSH	21 10am Farmers Market 1pm Cars and Crypts Car Show
22	23 REGULAR TRASH 7pm Fire Dept Drill Night	24 REGULAR TRASH 10 am Kindergarten Moving Up 11:20 am School Early Dismissal 3pm DA Court Night	25 SPECIAL PICK UP	26 RECYCLING 8th Grade Graduation Last Day of School 9am Seniors 10:30am Early Dismissal	27 LEAF / BRUSH	28 10am Farmers Market
29	30 REGULAR TRASH 7pm Fire Dept Drill Night					