

The News of MENANDS ACTIVITIES

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VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

The next Village Board Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.** due to the holiday. All meetings are open to the public and are handicap accessible.

VILLAGE OF MENANDS ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held on **Thursday, February 18th, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Village Municipal Building for the purpose of considering the following application for a variance: Boswell Engineering is requesting a use variance to construct a four-story multi-family building at 35 Broadway. Such public hearings are open to the public and are accessible to the handicapped. All are encouraged to attend or to present comments in writing.

John Bassett, Chairman

HOLIDAY SCHEDULES

The Village Office, Village Court and D.P.W. will be closed on **Monday, February 15, 2016** for President's Day. Monday's trash pickup will be **Tuesday, February 16** and Tuesday's trash pickup will be on **Wednesday, February 17**. Recycling days will remain the same. There will be NO SPECIAL pick up on **Wednesday, February 17**.

DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS & SNOW REMOVAL

To provide you with the best service possible, the Department (DPW) would like to remind everyone that your cooperation is needed during the winter months for proper plowing, salting and snow removal. If you have a driveway or an off street parking space, please use it during the winter months and especially during a snow or ice storm as vehicles parked on the street hinder plowing operations. Please do not put snow in the streets once the plows have gone through. Additionally, anything that you might have in the Village's right-of-way, such as a basketball hoop should be moved and stored for the winter. The Village will not be responsible for damage to any items left in the Village's right-of-way.

MENANDS FIRE CO. #1, INC.

The next meeting of the Menands Fire Co. # 1 will be held on **Tuesday, March 7 at 8:00 p.m.** All fire company members are invited to attend.

FISH FRY DINNERS

"Save the Dates: The Menands Fire Co. #1 will be hosting FISH FRIES on **Feb. 12, 26, Mar 4, 18, and 25th**. Adults \$9, Seniors \$8 and kids meal \$6. More info. to follow.

MENANDS FIRE CO. #1, INC. AUXILIARY

The next meeting of the Menands Fire Co. Auxiliary will be on **February 10, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.** Following the meeting we will be making valentine cards for the Firemen's Home.

WESTERN BBQ DINNER AT MENANDS SCHOOL

Saddle up partner!! Menands School PTA is hosting a Western BBQ on **February 9th from 4:30-7:00 pm.** This event will satisfy the hungriest cow poke from start to finish when you sample our menu: BBQ chicken, corn on the cob, macaroni and cheese, rootin' tootin' cowboy beans, skillet corn bread, and tasty desserts! Hot chocolate available to warm y'all up! Adults \$9.00 and kids \$6.00. Eat in or takeout available, but come on over and experience western music and hospitality for the whole family! Games, raffle prizes and 50/50 will start at 5:30 pm.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Menands School is seeking applicants for the position of Lunch Monitor Substitutes, 11:15a.m. – 1:30 p.m. as needed throughout the school year. Responsibilities include supervising and monitoring students during lunch and recess periods. Compensation will be at the rate of \$9.25/hr. Interested candidates should send a letter of interest to Rose Craft @ Menands School, 19 Wards Lane, Menands, N.Y. 12204

Rose Craft, Payroll Menands Union Free School District
518-465-4561 Ext. 106

FATHER-DAUGHTER VALENTINE'S DANCE

Please note change in price and Melissa's Phone No.

The 20th Annual Father-Daughter Valentine's Dance will be held on **Saturday, February 6, 2016 from 6 – 9 pm** at Bethany Presbyterian Church (at the corner of N. Lyons and Menands Road). This is an opportunity for fathers and 'father figures' to have a special and memorable evening of fun and dancing with their daughters. Professional DJ Brian Michaels will once again provide the music. Advance reservations are \$23 (per father); admission at the door is \$28. To register, please send a check for \$20 by January 31st payable to Tom Micheli at 17 South Lyons Avenue, Menands, NY 12204 along with your name and that of your daughter(s) and your contact info (address, phone, email). Free father-daughter portraits will be provided. Wrist corsages can be obtained at special pricing (\$12.50) from Laurel's Florals (formerly JH Kenny Florists) on Broadway in Watervliet (273-0972). Please call ahead of time to reserve a corsage. We're asking each family to bring a snack or dessert. Please call Melissa Mitchell (300-7649) about food or to help in the kitchen at the dance. If you can help decorate the (Friday) night before, please call Tom at 432-5675.

MENANDS ST. PATRICK'S CLUB

The Menands St. Patrick's Club was started in 1964 and this year marks the 52th anniversary of the club. We are looking for new club members to keep the tradition of the club alive. Come to one of our meetings and see what it's all about. The next meeting of the Menands St. Patrick's Club will be held on **Sunday, February 21st, at 12:00 noon** at the Menands Village Hall.

SAVE THE DATE

March 12, 2016 from 4:30-9:30 Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner/Dance. Cost \$15. More info. in the next activities.

SWEETHEART BREAKFAST

All you can eat Sweetheart Breakfast, **Sunday, February 7, 2016 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon** at the Menands Firehouse. Eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage, corned beef hash, home fries, Irish Soda Bread, Danish, pastries, doughnuts, coffee, tea and juices are being offered. Cost: Adults \$8, Seniors \$7 and children 5-12 \$6.

POM POMS

Any Menands girls (grade 5 & up) who wishes to participate as a Pom Pom girl in the Albany St. Patrick's Parade on March 12th are asked to call Colleen Salisbury @ 518-542-8823 or email larrycoll@aol.com. Or show up for the first practice, which is **February 21, at 11:00 a.m.** Any grade 3 and 4 girls interested, a parent or guardian must accompany them in the parade.

MENANDS SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Menands School Board of Education will meet on **Monday, February 8, 2016, at 6:30 p.m.**

MENANDS SENIOR CITIZEN CLUB

On **February 18, 2016** we will have our annual Kentucky Fried Chicken lunch. Cost is \$6. Orders can be taken now. You must be a paid up member of the Menands Senior Citizen Club in order to participate.

On **March 12, 2016**, Saturday, ride the trolley in the Albany St. Patrick's Day Parade. After the parade, return to the Menands Municipal Hall for a Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner, enjoy Irish Dancing and entertainment. Please reserve your seat on the Trolley. The ride is Free!!

For those members who signed up for the **September 19, 2016** Niagara Falls trip, a \$30 deposit is required before reservations can be made. Please pay this as soon as possible.

HISTORIC ST. AGNES CEMETERY

Friday Paint Club (new painters always welcome) Price per class is \$20 - \$25 depending on what size canvas you choose. Paints and brushes are provided. Join artist Noreen Powell for fun, stress-free art classes. These structured classes will teach basic painting techniques and they are perfect for beginner and intermediate artists. Class size kept small to allow a lot of one on one instruction. Our classes are from 10 AM to Noon on the following dates:

Feb. 26 – Paul Klee's Cat and Bird, Mar. 11 – Impressionist-style Vase of Daisies, Mar. 18 – O'Keeffe's Calla Lily, Apr. 22 – A Robin in a Sun Shower. We also offer a workshop on **Saturday, February 13 from 10 AM – 3 PM** Painting in the Style of Claude Monet: French Impressionist artist Monet was a master in applying techniques in light and reflection in his work. His dabs of light are spontaneous and his shadows are superbly executed without being forced. This workshop led by Noreen Powell will teach you how to paint like the Impressionists! Coffee and baked goods in the morning and a delicious catered lunch are provided as are all art materials to complete a painting. Price \$70. In the event of cancellation due to weather, this class will be held on Saturday, February 27 from 10 AM – 3 PM. To register for any of our classes call Kelly Grimaldi at 463-0134 ext. 110 or email KellyAnn.Grimaldi@rcda.org. Pre-registration is required. In the event of cancellation due to weather this class will be held on Saturday, Feb. 6th 10 AM - 3PM.

SCHUYLER FLATTS BURIAL GROUND PROJECT

On June 5th, 2005 construction work in the Town of Colonie, NY (Route 32 near Menands/Watervliet) revealed an unmarked burial ground. Archaeologists discovered 13 sets of remains plus another set of remains was found in 1998. A total of 14 individuals were discovered. In 2010, bioarchaeological analysis was completed by the NYS Museum. The analyses determined that the remains are about 200 years old and represent 6 women, 1 man, 2 children, and five infants. The burial ground was dated between the 1700s and early 1800s. Historical research indicates that the burial ground was part of a large estate owned by the colonial Schuyler family who owned a number of slaves in the 18th and 19th centuries. The time has come to bury these individuals with dignity and respect. The Schuyler Flatts Burial Ground Committee welcomes the public to join us in honoring these people, by attending these upcoming events:

April 30th, 2016 1pm-3pm - *Public meeting and Artist Presentation* New York State Museum (Huxley theatre), 222 Madison Ave, Albany, NY **June 17th 2016** 12pm-8pm - *The remains will Lie in State* Schuyler Mansion State Historic Site, 32 Catherine St, Albany, NY **June 18th 2016** 11am-12pm *Burial Ceremony* St Agnes Cemetery, 48 Cemetery Ave (off Broadway), Menands, NY

MENANDS YOUTH OPEN GYM SCHEDULE 2016

High School Age and Up Thursday nights 8:00 – 10:00 p.m. **February 2/25** and **March 3/3, 3/10**. In the event that school is closed due to inclement weather (snow day) on a Thursday, there will be no open gym that evening. Elementary and Middle School Grades 4 through 8 Saturday mornings 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon **February 2/27** and **March 3/5**. For more information contact: Lorenz Herrmann, supervisor Phone (518) 505-7998 Email: lherrma1@nycap.rr.com

MENANDS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Special Events for February will be advertised in the next issue of the Menands Activities.

Story Time - Children's story will begin again in February with our new Children's Librarian, Ted Riese. Ted is a three year resident of Menands who's son will be attending Menands School next year. He looks forward to making the library an exciting place to learn and grow!

The Teen Book Club will resume the first Thursday of each month at 5:00 p.m.

The Adult Book Club will meet the second Thursday of each month at **5:00 p.m. (Please note the time change.)**

Our Homework Help group will resume on Thursday afternoons at 4:00 p.m.

Spring Film Festival – Hollywood Remakes

All movies start at **1 p.m.**

The Straight Forward Remake

February 9, 2016 - The Age of Innocence - 1934

Directed by Paul Moeller

An adaptation of Edith Wharton's novel. Starring Irene Dunne and John Boles

February 16, 2016 - The Age of Innocence - 1993

Directed by Martin Scorsese

Based on the same Wharton novel. Starring Daniel Day-Lewis, Michelle Pfeiffer and Winona Ryder

The Menands Public Library is located at 4 N. Lyons Avenue, Menands, New York. For more info. call 518-463-4035

MENANDS JUNIOR LEAGUE 2016 SEASON



The Menands Junior Baseball & Softball League is a local volunteer-run league for boys and girls from age 4 to 13, (14 for girls). Players participate in Tee Ball, Baseball or Softball games in a safe, fun-filled, team oriented environment. Players begin practicing in April, with the first game played April 18, 2016. Tee Ball players are taught the fundamentals of the game and experience a game atmosphere where everyone wins. Games are played Monday thru Sunday. Weeknight games are played Monday thru Friday starting at 6:00pm. Weekend games run all day on Saturday and on Sunday start in the early afternoon. Our regular season concludes with playoffs for our Baseball and Softball divisions starting mid-June. We have a Valley Cats night and our league picnic with awards for everyone in late-June. Registration for the 2016 season is open until March 31st via our website. We also offer in-person registration at Menands School on February 6th and 13th from 9am until noon. Registration costs for the 2016 season: \$65.00 for Tee Ball, \$75.00 for Minor Baseball/Softball, and \$85.00 for Major Baseball/Softball. We urge all players to register early as space becomes constrained later in the registration process. All registrations paid before February 14th are eligible for a \$15.00 per player discount. We also continue our Family Maximum pricing this year at \$175.00 per family. Late Registrations may be accepted after March 31st, space permitting with an additional fee of \$25.00. If you have any questions, stop by for an in-person registration or please visit our website at <http://menandsbaseballsoftball.org/> and/or Facebook page for more information.

Items to be included in the next edition of the Menands Activities dated February 19, 2016 **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IN THE VILLAGE OFFICE AFTER 9 A.M. Tuesday, February 16, 2016. Please indicate item is for the Menands Activities.**