

The News of MENANDS ACTIVITIES

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VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

The next Village Board Meeting will be held on **Monday, March 20, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.** All meetings are held at 250 Broadway in Menands and are open to the public and handicap accessible.

IMPORTANT NOTICE – POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief O'Brien warns residents that previously reported telephone scams are being attempted again. Some Village residents were potential victims to the "grandparent" scam whereby an unknown caller, sometimes claiming to be a police officer, says their grandchild is in trouble and needs money. It may be for bail or they have been injured in an accident. Under no circumstances reveal any personal information over the phone or arrange any payment of money to these callers. Any legitimate caller could be easily verified if in fact there was a real situation which would require assistance for a family member. If anyone should be subject of such a call and you feel you need assistance or have any doubt about the authenticity contact the police department at 463-1681. Another scam involves answering the phone and a recording asks if you can hear the person speaking "OK". If you answer "YES" unscrupulous persons on the other end will try to contact you in the future and have you pay for goods or services which you did not order or contract for. They then will refer to your recorded voice and say you did in fact authorize the transaction. Report any suspicious calls such as these to the Police Department for further investigation.

YOUTH EASTER PARTY

The Easter party will be held at the Ganser- Smith Park, **April 8 from 1-3 p.m.** Come join us for face painting, balloons, snacks, drinks as well as a quick hello from the Easter Bunny. Don't forget the best part the Easter egg hunt. Remember to bring a basket or bag to collect eggs in. Also, dress for the weather! If you have any questions please call Brianna Coughlin at 469-7726.

MENANDS FIRE CO. #1, INC.

The next meeting of the Menands Fire Company #1 will be held on **April 4, 2017, at 8:00 PM** at the Firehouse. All members are encouraged to attend.

SAVE THE DATES

The Menands Fire Co. #1 will be holding Fish Fry Dinners at the Firehouse on **March 17 and 31 and April 14. 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** The dinner consists of Fish Fry, Fries, Cole Slaw and Dessert \$9.00. Kids Meal - Cheese Pizza - \$2.00 a slice.

MENANDS FIRE CO. #1, INC

Be a Hydrant Hero!

Help us Help you and adopt a hydrant! If you see a hydrant covered in snow, and you are able to clear it out, it would be much appreciated! Your 10 minutes today will save us precious minutes during an emergency!

MENANDS SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Menands School Board of Education will meet on **Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.**

MENANDS FIRE CO. #1, INC. AUXILIARY

The next meeting of the Menands Fire Co. #1 Auxiliary will be at 6:30 PM on **April 12, 2017** at the Village Hall.

MENANDS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Here are some events coming up at the Menands Library!
Friday, April 14th we will be holding our Easter Egg Hunt right when the library opens at noon!

Monday, April 17th we're going to make Duct-Tape Wallets at 1:30 pm.

Wednesday, April 19th at 2:00 pm we'll be doing a mystery escape-box event. Figure out the clues to get to the treasure!

Friday, April 21st at 1:30 pm we're going to plant some seeds with resident green thumb and library board member Judith Gladstone!

Story Time - Story Time is held at 10:30 a.m. every Thursday

Our Homework Help group meets on Thurs. at 4:00 p.m.

On every Wednesday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. is Tech Advice Night at the library with our resident digital native, Ted. Can't figure out how to set up your new phone? Want to know what's using up your data plan? Don't know how to get your pictures onto your computer? Appointments not necessary, but recommended just call the library to make one.

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

PAY IT FORWARD.....TOGETHER

**3rd Annual Prom Closet
at 21 North Lyons Ave.,
Menands, NY 12204.**

We will be open for girls to come and check out our selections starting:

Wednesday evenings 6 – 7:30 PM on March 29, April 5, 12, 19, 26, May 3, and May 10

Saturday mornings 9 – 10:30 AM on April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, May 6 and May 13

The Prom Closet was established to provide any girl the opportunity to borrow any dress from our prom closet for their prom or dance. Many families are strained by the high cost of proms. This gives each girl the chance to feel like "Cinderella" without the financial stress.

All dresses were donated out of wanting to "Pay it Forward...Together to others. The dresses are free of charge so as not to single out any girl. Our hopes are that we can teach our girls that there are other ways to be a "Cinderella" without the financial stress.

Our girls have chosen to Pay it Forward through their dress and accessory donations and we encourage others to do the same. We are accepting any donations for prom dresses and accessories.

We are also looking for volunteers to work at the closet on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings to help the girls find the dress of their dreams.

Together we can make a Difference

Together we can inspire Kindness

Join the Movement!

Any questions contact Carol Darmetko at 518 396-7580

More on the other side.....

MENANDS JUNIOR BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

Menands Junior Baseball/Softball Needs Help!

Join our team! Whether you have only a little time or a lot to give, there is an opportunity for YOU! Help give our local kids the BEST baseball and softball experience! Our league is volunteer driven and cannot survive without dedicated volunteers!! From the Board of Directors to Team Parents, it's generous people like YOU who make our organization a positive youth baseball/softball experience. Find a role that resonates with you and get involved. Together, everyone achieves more! Team Manager/Head Coach, Assistant Coach Team Parent, Team Scorekeeper, Field Maintenance, Board Member, Committee Member. See below for details and contact Jim @ (518) 275-2677 or Steve @ (518)423-1686.

Committee Member - Do you only have time for a single task? Can you make a few phone calls on behalf of our league? Our new Committee Member role offers a wide range of volunteer opportunities. You could help the League Secretary with any of these duties.....setting up Team Picture day, organizing our end of year League Picnic, league uniform distribution, promoting and/or helping during fundraising events and more!

Team Manager/Head Coach - duties can include: running games and practices for one season in a positive, constructive way and within the Little League rules, including providing fair play time for all of your players, attending the game scheduling meeting to help schedule games with other participating leagues, rescheduling any rainouts, etc. for said games to the best of your ability, communicating/distributing team and league information in a timely manner, attending Board meetings (mostly monthly).

Assistant Coach - duties can include: assisting the Team Manager with running games and practices for one season in a positive, constructive way and within the Little League rules, including providing fair play time for all of your players, with rescheduling any rainouts, etc. for said games to the best of your ability, with communicating/distributing team and league information in a timely manner, attending Board meetings (mostly monthly).

Team Parent - duties can include: assisting the Team Manager with: communication of team and league information in a timely manner, distribution of team uniforms at beginning of spring season.

Team Scorekeeper - duties can include: assisting the Team Manager with keeping the team's statistics using the baseball scorebook provided, keeping the pitch count for each pitcher including the opposing team's, during each game, conversing with the opposing team's scorekeeper to confirm stats.

Field Maintenance - duties can include: assisting the Field Coordinator Board member by dragging the fields when necessary to prepare for home games and practices, lining fields in preparation for games, mowing grass as needed.

Board Member - duties vary on the position. Some of our Board Members plan to step down. If you are interested in a certain position and would like to shadow a Board Member as they go about their duties this year, please contact us.

*Note: For the safety of the children, every volunteer will be subject to a background check. This is a Little League

mandate.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Save The Date **4/4/17 @ 6:00pm**. If you are a resident of the Menands Union Free School District and have a child who will be 5 years old on or before December 1, 2017, please call Menands School at 465-4561 to register for the upcoming school year. There will be a Kindergarten Parent Information Night for parents only held at Menands School on **Tuesday April 4, 2017 at 6:00 pm** in the school library. If you know of a neighbor who has an age-eligible Kindergarten student, please pass the word!

Items to be included in the next edition of the Menands Activities dated March 31, 2017 **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IN THE VILLAGE OFFICE AFTER 9 A.M. Monday, March 27, 2017. Please indicate item is for the Menands Activities.**

HISTORIC ST. AGNES CEMETERY

Historic St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands is offering a DVD for sale called Graveside Chats. Supplies are limited so if you love history and old cemeteries stop by and see historian Kelly Grimaldi at St. Agnes Cemetery, 48 Cemetery Avenue, Menands for your copy. Price \$20.

Painting the Winter Blues Away
at Historic St. Agnes Cemetery

We are now accepting reservations for our winter painting classes held in The Living Room Art Gallery located in St. Agnes Cemetery's Visitors Center. All classes start at 10 AM and end at noon. Pre-registration is required. Call Kelly Grimaldi at 463-0134 ext 110 or email KellyAnn.Grimaldi@rcda.org.

March 24 - 10 AM – Noon: Pair of Sheep in a Clover Field
March 31 - 10 AM – Noon: Tulips in a Bunch

MENANDS UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUDGET CALENDAR
2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR

- April 3, 2017 Prepare Legal Notice of School Budget Hearing and Budget Vote (First of 4 Notices)
- April 2017 Prepare Absentee Ballot Applications and related material
- April 10, 2017** Final Budget Presentation and Adopt Budget
- April 24, 2017 Submit Property Tax Report Card to SED
- May 2017 Budget Documents to Public
- May 8, 2017 Budget Hearing and Budget Notice Mailed
- May 16, 2017 Budget Vote

Highlighted date may require additional scheduled Budget Workshop Meetings if necessary. Any dates and content are subject to change based on info. available.

HISOTICAL SOCIETY OF THE TOWN OF COLONIE

Cordially Invites You to a Special Presentation by

Michael T. Lucas, PHD *

SLAVERY AND FREEDOM

in Nineteenth Century Watervliet

Sunday, March 26, 2017 – 2:00 P.M.

William K. Sanford (Colonie Town Library)

629 Albany Shaker Road

Enslaved people of African and Native American descent were used as the primary labor force in New York from the 1620s until total emancipation was abolished in 1827. Three estates around Albany retained over 5 slaves. They were the Nicoll-Sill house in Bethlehem, Schuyler Flatts in Colonie

and the Van Schaick Mansion in Cohoes. The talk will look at what History and Archaeology tell us about the strategies used by these families in this transition from slavery to freedom. Michael Lucas has been the Curator of Historical Archaeology at the New York State Museum since 2014.

**MENANDS SCHOOL PTA MULTI-CULTURAL
CELEBRATION**

Grab your passport and get ready to take a tour around the world and taste the delicious flavors of our diverse community! The event will be held on **March 23, 2017** at **6:00 p.m.** in the school gym. Live performances, free food and refreshments available. Admission is free and open to the public but donations are always graciously accepted so the PTA can continue to provide important curriculum based programs and social events for the school. Any dollar amount is always appreciated. Please check out our new website: www.menandsschoolpta.com and be sure to follow us on Facebook. Menands School PTA thanks our school and community for your continued support and generosity!