

# The News of MENANDS ACTIVITIES

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## VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

Village Board Meeting **April 3 at 5 P.M.** Public Hearing for Preliminary Budget.

**6 P.M.** Public Hearing to Override Tax Cap

Regular Village Board meeting to follow. All meetings are held at 250 Broadway in Menands and are open to the public and handicap accessible.

## DUMPSTER RESERVATIONS BEGIN APRIL 3RD

Beginning **April 3<sup>rd</sup>** – There will be a \$75.00 charge for the dumpster. To make a reservation for the dumpster, you need to come to the Village Office (8a.m. – 4 p.m.), **we can not take calls for reservations.** Payment of \$75.00 will be due at time of making your reservation – No contractor's debris will be accepted. The Village crew will leave the dumpster at the end of your driveway on a Wednesday and pick it up the following Wednesday. **Mark your calendar for April 3<sup>rd</sup> to stop in the Village Office to schedule the dumpster starting April 5<sup>th</sup>.**

## 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 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 COMPANY MEMORIAL SERVICE

All are cordially invited to attend a memorial service for the Menands Fire Company's deceased members on Sunday afternoon, **April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:30 p.m.** in the Village Hall.

In addition to honoring all of our deceased members, we will recognize the tenth anniversary of the passing of Edgar Scott, who gave his life in the line of duty.

Please also join us for a reception at the conclusion of the memorial service.

Should you wish to attend, please RSVP to me at 423-2659 or to my email address at [molinariofirm@aol.com](mailto:molinariofirm@aol.com).

We look forward to seeing you there.

Peter J. Molinaro, Co-Chair Memorial Committee

## 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 SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

The Village Board and I are very grateful for our public safety departments, particularly during the blizzard this month. This was an especially difficult storm; with snowfall rates at times reaching 3 – 4 inches per hour and whiteout conditions making travel extremely dangerous. Our Police Dept. responded to over 35 calls during the storm, in addition to patrolling and assisting the DPW with getting cars moved that hindered snow removal. The Menands Fire Dept. began preparing for the storm on Monday night and had a crew standing by at the fire station all day on Tuesday to ensure the fastest response time for emergencies. The DPW began plowing at 3 am on Tuesday and continued until 2 pm on Wednesday, returning early Thursday to continue clean up. We are very fortunate to have such dedicated members of these departments working tirelessly to protect the residents of Menands. Congratulations to **Pay-It-Forward Together** community group for volunteering their time to make fleece blankets for the Ronald McDonald House and AMCH. Over 25 blankets were made by the volunteers and committee members. The PIFT Prom Closet is now open. For more information, see their notice in Activities. **Menands School** held their production of *James and the Giant Peach, Jr.* on March 18<sup>th</sup>. The cast and crew did an amazing job and the set design was awesome. Congratulations to all! On Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, Menands School also held a Multicultural Celebration. The 2017 Cultural Fair, *a Passport to the World*, celebrated nineteen countries, representing the nationalities of the students at school. The students carried national flags, had information booths and performed dances and songs of their nationalities. The PTA sponsored this event and those who participated and attended enjoyed a wonderful evening. 2016 End of the Year Review Continued (I inadvertently omitted the following from my report)

### **Village Court:**

Menands Village Court, by volume, is one of the largest Town and Village Courts in Albany County in part to our geographic location

In 2016, the Village Court heard 4,400 cases, (including 3,806 traffic and 189 DWI cases), as well as criminal and civil cases, with revenues over \$475,000

Court was held four or five times per month, hearing upwards of 300 cases on traffic court nights

Judge Proskin and Judge Becher attended mandatory Judges school and Court Clerks Susan and Kim attended two training sessions in 2016 staying up to date on policies and procedures in the Unified Court System

Working closely with the Menands Police, the Court increased security measures and reduced times for arraignments

### **Building Dept.:**

In 2016, the Building Department was very busy with projects in Menands

72 building permits were issued

Code enforcement worked closely with developers on building projects in Menands to ensure all requirements were met and expedite projects, including the Albany Lofts and Mohawk

Hudson Humane Society

Paul and Lyle attended the NYSBOC training conference and added 19 hours of credit towards the required 24 hours per year, both exceeding the required number with over 30 hours of training in 2016

Paul attended the monthly sessions with the Stormwater Coalition as our MS4 officer and the CDTC Planning Committee Meetings on behalf of the Village

A special thank you to Sheila Hyatt, Editor of the Menands Activities for a great job with publishing the Newsletter.

Until next time, Mayor Meg

### MENANDS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Menands Public Library invites you to be a member of our Board of Trustees. Term begins July 1, 2017. For further details and information, please contact Linda DeDominicis (current Board President) at (518) 817-0302 or see/contact Aileen Nicoll (District Clerk) at Menands School at (518) 465-4561 x. 119.

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 p.m. 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.

Spring Film Festival

Presents Tom Hanks

All movies start at 1 p.m.

**April 4<sup>th</sup> 2017 - Apollo 13 - 1995**

Directed by Ron Howard

"Houston, we have a problem."

Dramatization of the near tragic failure of Apollo 13's flight to the moon.

With Mr. Hanks are Kevin Bacon, Bill Paxton and Ed Harris

**April 11<sup>th</sup> - That Thing You Do - 1996**

Directed by Tom Hanks (his first film as director)

A nostalgic look at American Pop Music of the mid - 1960's. Four young men from Philadelphia form a "Beatleish" Band Called the Wonders. Much to everyone's amazement, they make a hit record!

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

### MENANDS SENIOR CITIZEN CLUB

On **April 18, 2017**, we will travel to Hartford, Ct. to tour the houses of Mark Twain and Harriet Beecher Stowe. We will have lunch at the "Chowder Pot". Menu: "Garden Salad with House Dressing, Warm Rolls with Butter, Choice of Sliced Roast Pork with Mushroom sauce, Chicken Marsala, Baked Stuffed Tilapia, Baked Macaroni and Cheese, Potato, Vegetable and Cheesecake with Strawberry Topping. Coffee, Tea, Decaf. Cost of trip \$54/64.

On **May 11, 2017**, KFC luncheon, we will celebrate May, the month of our mothers with the Colonel's original recipe, chicken breast, mashed potatoes, gravy, Cole slaw, biscuit and dessert. Entertainment provided by Brian Zapel, singing contemporary hits and old-time favorites. Everyone is welcome. Cost is \$6.

On **May 22-24, 2017, (Monday-Wednesday)**, we are going to beautiful NEWPORT/BLOCK ISLAND, Rhode Island.

Tour includes: Roundtrip Transportation, Hotel Accommodations for TWO Nights at Holiday Inn Express, Middletown, RI, Block Island Tours: Ferry Ride Roundtrip, 30 minute Island Tour and Lunch at the National Hotel, Foxwoods Casino with Casino Bonus, 1 Dinner, 2 Full Breakfasts at the Hotel, Baggage Handling, 2 Mansion Tours in Newport, The Breakers and the Marble House. Price Per Person: Double Occupancy \$360, Single Occupancy \$460. Insurance is available. We will be accepting FULL PAYMENT for this Trip beginning in March. Please make checks Payable to Diane Leonard or Dawn Primett.

The next meeting of the Menands Senior Citizen Club will be on **April 27, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.**

### 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!

### MENANDS UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

#### BUDGET CALENDAR

#### 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR

April 3, 2017	Budget Workshop at Menands School—7:00 p.m.
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
<b>April 10, 2017</b>	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 information available.

*Budget Calendar updated 3/13/17*

### CAPITAL REPERTORY THEATRE PERFORMANCE

#### AT MENANDS SCHOOL

The Capital Repertory Theatre will be performing: They Built America: The Workers of the Erie Canal  
By Maggie Manicelli-Cahill

The theatre is commemorating the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the groundbreaking of the incredible Erie Canal. The performance will be held on **Saturday, April 8, 2017** at Menands School. The performance time is at **2:30 p.m.** in the school gym. There is no cost for this event.

All community members are welcome to attend!

### 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 class held in The Living Room Art Gallery located in St. Agnes Cemetery's Visitors Center. The class starts at 10 AM and ends at noon. Pre-registration is required. Call Kelly Grimaldi at 463-0134 ext 110 or email KellyAnn.Grimaldi@rcda.org.

**March 31 - 10 AM – Noon: Tulips in a Bunch**

Items to be included in the next edition of the Menands Activities dated April 14, 2017 **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IN THE VILLAGE OFFICE AFTER 9 A.M. Monday, April 10, 2017. Please indicate item is for the Menands Activities.**