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MAYOR'S CORNER



- The renovations are complete at the new Village Boardroom at 250 Broadway in our main municipal building. We have improved the audio and video so everyone can attend in person OR online to participate in our municipal administration. Check the Village webpage, menandsny.gov, for links to our bi-monthly meetings.
- The official project groundbreaking for the South End Infrastructure Project was held on September 24th at the Hutton St Park. This \$17 million upgrade to our water and sewer infrastructure is long overdue. While this project will take 2 years to complete, these improvements will serve Menands for 50 years or more! Please be patient with our work.
- I look forward to leading the Halloween Trunk-or-Treat parade for our annual kids' costume party at the Menands Farmer's Market Pavilion on October 19th. There will be activities for kids, and the parade kicks off at 2 pm. Kids should arrive by 1:45 pm to participate.
- I was honored to participate in a Back-to-School outdoor movie night on August 27th at the Schuyler Inn. Ryan Graham from Altamont Programs helped put it together, and we watched Moana 2 with dozens of kids.
- We are working with a prominent Menands-based business to expand here in our village. While I cannot share the details at this time, Deputy Mayor Tim Lane and I are constantly working to attract new business development in Menands. This will be a massive win for us, and I hope to announce the progress next month.
- In the next 2 months, we will be launching the redesign of our Menandsny.gov webpages. The new format will be easier to navigate our pages and more visually appealing for our information and news. I've been working on this project for nearly a year, and it's finally coming together. Stay tuned!

VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS

The Village Board Meetings are held on the first and third Mondays of each month unless there is a Monday Holiday then the meeting will be held on Tuesday. Village Board Meetings are now taking place in the new Board Room on the second floor of 250 Broadway above the Police Department. You can get to the Board Room by entering through the Police entrance and heading up the stairs to the second floor. Residents can also reach the Board Room by taking the elevator in the Firehouse to the second floor. If you would like to attend virtually, please use the URL: meet.google.com/mre-txbp-btk

US PRESIDENT CHESTER A. ARTHUR CEREMONY

A Presidential Wreath Laying Ceremony at the grave of Chester A. Arthur will take place on Monday, October 6, 2025, at 11:00 AM at Albany Rural Cemetery. Cemetery section 24.

AVOID THE RE-LEVY PENALTY!

The last day to pay delinquent Village Tax or Village Water bills is October 31, 2025. After that date, any amount still owed will be sent to Albany County for re-levy. A \$50 fee will also apply. These amounts, with interest, will then be payable by January 31, 2026, with your Albany County General Taxes.

HISTORY OF MENANDS IN OCTOBER

Albany Rural Cemetery opened on October 7, 1844, and held its opening ceremony, with a large procession starting in downtown Albany and ending at the cemetery's present-day location in Menands. The cemetery has since become the final resting place for many historical American figures.

October 28, 1890: Howard Menand, the great-grandson of village namesake Louis Menand, was born in the village. He later became the village's first official historian.

Halloween trolley accident, Halloween Day, 1928: A 13-year-old child of Italian immigrants, Sammy Severino, died in a trolley accident while attempting to ride on the back of a trolley. He sadly fell off and was killed.

Halloween ghost story, October 30, 2005: The Troy Record published an article about haunted tales surrounding Menands Manor, a historic building that had once been the Home for Aged Men of Albany. A former police chief stated that while some ghost stories persisted, the building's renovation hadn't deterred claims of strange noises and moving objects. NYCON now owns the building at 272 Broadway.



SPOTLIGHT ON A VILLAGE EMPLOYEE

Kevin Franklin – Village Historian: Kevin and his wife Kerry, along with their three children, Danny, Brian, and Erin, have been integral members of the Village for many years. Kevin Franklin has devoted a significant portion of his life to serving as the Village Historian. He began his career as a patrolman with the Menands Police Department and eventually rose to the position of Chief of Police. After he retired from the Menands Police Department, Kevin was appointed Town Historian of Colonie. He is also a lifelong member of the Menands Fire Company. Thank you, Kevin, for your invaluable contributions to the Village of Menands.

AMAZING SEASON! AWESOME JOB!

I want to thank Community Events Coordinator Meg Grenier for a summer event series that was excellent. Food trucks, music, our Fire Company, community members, and friends, all culminating in our amazing Menands Community Night. Thankfully, we only had one event this year that had to be relocated to our rain location due to the weather. All other events were held at our amazing Ganser-Smith Park. Thank you, Meg, for all your hard work! I'm looking forward to seeing what next year's lineup is! Signed, Mayor Brian Marsh

FALL LEAF SEASON

The Menands DPW announced that the annual loose leaf pickup season will begin on October 14th and end on December 17th. Leaves must be raked to the roadway and be free from any branches. The machine cannot vacuum lawn clippings and should be bagged. Please be aware that it takes AT LEAST 2 full weeks for the crew to circle the entire Village during peak season. Please be patient. Bagged leaves will still be accepted with every Friday's yard waste collection.

TRUNK OR TREAT AND PARADE, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2025

Capital Region Farmers Market (Menands Market), 381 Broadway, Menands. Kids will meet at 1:45 pm, and the Halloween Parade will start at 2 pm, led by Mayor Brian Marsh. Kids will then go car to car for Trunk-N-Treat and enjoy other activities. If you are interested in decorating your car (noon to 1:30) and handing out candy (250 pieces or more), please get in touch with the Menands PBA at Menandspolicepba@gmail.com. Any questions, contact Community Events Coordinator Meg Grenier at mgrenier@menandsny.gov

MENANDS ST. PATRICK'S CLUB CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

Sunday, November 9th, Event starts at noon, Capital District Regional Market (Enclosed pavilion) 381 Broadway, Menands—\$50 per team. Contact Dave at oggie212@gmail.com to sign up. Food trucks and football on the big screens (if not playing, join us to support the tournament, watch football, and grab a bite to eat). Any questions, please get in touch with Meg at 518-526-4909.

DIWALI PARTY AT MENANDS LIBRARY

Thursday, October 16th, the Event takes place from 5 pm to 6:15 pm, Menands Public Library, 4 N Lyons Ave, Menands. There will be refreshments and family fun. For more information email sherry@menandslibrary.org or call 518-463-4035.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Police, Fire, and EMS	911
Menands Police Non- Emergency	518 463-1681
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
Colonie Town Court	518-783-2714



TUSCAN BAKERY - GRAND OPENING

Opening its doors on Sunday, October 5th, 2025, at 12:00 PM, Tuscan Bakery will introduce the community to authentic European and Mediterranean-style desserts and treats, bringing bold new flavors to Upstate New York. 100 Broadway Mid-City Plaza. "We are thrilled to bring something new and unique to the region," said Nurettin Ulukaya, President and CEO of Time to Eat Corp, the operator of Tuscan Bakery. Email: timetoeatcorp@gmail.com

MENANDS FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE

Join us on Friday, October 10th, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Menands Fire Department, 250 Broadway, for our annual Open House! This family-friendly evening will feature live demonstrations, bucket rides, and rides in the fire truck. It is an excellent opportunity to meet your local firefighters, learn about fire safety, and enjoy an evening of fun with the community. They look forward to seeing you there!



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MENANDS ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			01 SPECIAL PICK UP	02 NO SCHOOL - YOM KIPPUR RECYCLING 9am Seniors	03 LEAF / BRUSH	04 PTA PANCAKE BREAKFAST 10am Farmers Market
05	06 PRES. WREATH LAYNG REGULAR TRASH 6pm Village Board Meeting 7pm Fire Dept Drill Night	07 REGULAR TRASH 7pm Fire Company Meeting	08 SPECIAL PICK UP 6:30pm Auxiliary Meeting	09 RECYCLING 9am Seniors	10 LEAF / BRUSH 6pm Fire Prevention and Open House	11 10am Farmers Market
12	13 COLUMBUS DAY SCHOOL/ VILLAGE CLOSED 7pm Fire Dept Drill Night	14 REGULAR TRASH	15 REGULAR TRASH	16 RECYCLING 9am Seniors 5pm Menands Library Diwali Celebration	17 LEAF / BRUSH	18 10am Farmers Market 11am Stories from The Past Albany
19 TRUNK OR TREAT AT THE FARMERS MARKET 1:45PM	20 REGULAR TRASH 6pm Village Board Meeting 7pm Fire Dept Drill Night	21 REGULAR TRASH	22 SPECIAL PICK UP	23 RECYCLING Seniors Trip Essex Steam Train	24 LEAF / BRUSH	25 10am Farmers Market 4pm Trunk or Treat Albany Rural
26	27 REGULAR TRASH 6:30pm Library Board Meeting 7pm Fire Dept Drill Night	28 REGULAR TRASH	29 SPECIAL PICK UP	30 RECYCLING 9am Seniors	31 HALLOWEEN LEAF / BRUSH	