

The Mendham Messenger

April 2017

Mayor's Update

Dear Residents & Business Owners:

Welcome to the spring of 2017! As we take down those dead Christmas wreaths from our front doors and replace them with fresh flowers and other plantings, we have a lot to look forward to..

The Borough Council voted to break the Cherry Lane improvement project into two phases in order to spread our funding for road paving into other neighborhoods within the borough. The original project called for completing the entire improvement of the road from Hilltop Road to the eastern boundary with the Township of Mendham. Under phase one, the road would be improved from Prentice Lane out to the eastern boundary. Borough Engineer Paul Ferriero recommended that the project design be finalized by the end of the year so that it can go out for bid during the winter of months of 2018 and have a contract awarded by April of 2018 as required by the New Jersey Department of Transportation. The borough will receive 75 percent of grant funding from the DOT, which we received specifically for this road, upon the award of this contract and is under no obligation to complete Phase Two.

Dallessio Engineering, LLC has been appointed by the Mayor and Council to serve as a structural engineer to assess the condition of the barn which was purchased by the borough as part of the Scott Farm Open Space Acquisition in 2015. In addition, the Entech Group, Inc. has been appointed to work on sampling the Mountain Valley Pond as part of the dam restoration project underway at the pond.

The Mayor and Council also discussed a possible amendment to the Borough Code which addresses vacant properties. The possible amendments include an expanded and clarified definition of vacant property. A definition was added to clarify the owner of vacant property and it is being recommended that a requirement be added that the owner of a vacant property permit inspections of the property when and if

necessary. Two sections are proposed as part of the amendment that would clarify responsibilities of the owner and authorized agent of the property. A public hearing on this ordinance amendment will be held in April.

The interview process has begun to secure a replacement for DPW Superintendent Ken O'Brien. We have received resumes from several qualified candidates and it remains our hope to have somebody in place by the end of April.

I would like to welcome residents Nathalie Masse and Jennifer Cass as members of our volunteer boards. Nathalie has been appointed to serve on the Board of Health and the Planning Board. Jennifer will serve on our Board of Adjustment. Thank you to both of them for stepping up to serve our community.

Laurie Felber has resigned as the Chairperson of our Environmental Commission as she has moved to Bernardsville. Laurie spent many years on the Environmental Commission and she is to be thanked for her service. We need volunteers to sit on the Environmental Commission. If you are interested, please contact our Borough Clerk, Margot Kay.

Sincerely,

Neil Henry
Mayor

Come Celebrate

Mendham TV's 10th

Anniversary!



Who: Mendham TV, our local community access television station (Channel 22 Verizon/ Channel 29 Comcast).

What: 10th Annual Mendies Hall of Fame Award Ceremony and Fund Raiser

When: Friday April 7, 2017 6:30-10:30pm

Where: Brookside Community Club: 1 East Main St Brookside

Tickets are \$50 in advance; \$60 at the door.

For more details visit www.mendhamtv.org



Mendham Borough
LIBRARY

News from the Mendham Borough Library

10 Hilltop Road 973 543-4152 www.mendhamboroughlibrary.org

April Programs for Kids

Step into a Story

The entire month of April, back by popular demand, Step into a Story is here again! Twenty-seven participating libraries in Morris County have decorated library spaces based on special books; you can visit *Charlie & the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl here at the Mendham Borough Library. Library visitors to the Step into a Story events can enter a drawing for prize at each library they visit!



Book Worms

Wednesdays, April 5 & 19 @ 3:15 p.m.
1st-4th Grade

Come read *Charlie & the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl and discuss. Books available for pick up @ the library.

Chess Club

Thursday, April 6th @ 6:30 p.m.
2nd Grade & Up

Learn new tips and tricks with chess instructor Marty Sobin. Sponsored by the Mendham Municipal Alliance.

Spring Bingo

Friday, April 7 @ 3:15 p.m.
Come in and try your luck at BINGO. Prizes will be available for everyone! All ages welcome!

Exploring Music

K-3rd: Mondays April 3 & 10 @ 3:15
4th - 8th: Thursday April 6 @ 3:30
Bring out your inner musician as we explore the world of music. Make instruments, sing Karaoke, and play.



Knitting Club

Wednesdays April 12 & 26 @ 3:15 p.m.
2nd Grade & Up
Learn how to knit and make your own beautiful creations!

Bagels & Books: Family Book Club

Saturday, April 22 @ 10:30 a.m.
Read *Tales of a 4th Grade Nothing* by Judy Blume and discuss over delicious bagels.

Tween Advisory Board

Tuesday, April 18 @ 6:00 p.m.
5th Grade & Up
Join Miss Amanda for some pizza and the planning of fun library programs!

Afternoon Movies

Friday, April 21 @ 3:15 p.m.
Come join the library and watch the smash hit *Sing*. Drinks and popcorn will be provided.



Exploring Art

K-3rd: Mondays April 24 & May 1, 8, 15 & 22 @ 3:15
4th - 8th: Thursday April 27 & May 4, 11, 18 & 25 @ 3:30

Become a master artist! Explore the world of art and create your own masterpieces to bring home!

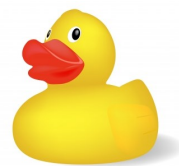
LEGO Club

Friday, April 28 @ 3:15 p.m.
Come in and build your own LEGO creations with friends! LEGOs are provided by the library.

1,000 Books Before

Kindergarten Graduation

Saturday, April 29 @ 10:30 a.m.
Join us as we celebrate our littlest graduates of the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Program! All participants in the program and their families are invited to attend.



April Programs for Adults

Spring into Cooking

Wednesday, April 12 at 6:30 pm

The Mendham Borough Library welcomes back Registered Dietitian Grace McGuirk with Village Super Market, Inc.. She will cook with spring fruits and vegetables as well as show you some updated and healthier versions of some spring favorite recipes. Registration is required. Please call the library to register.



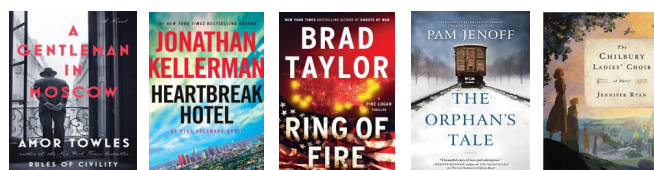
New Books, Audiobooks & DVDs

Fiction

4321	Auster, Paul
A Piece of the World	Kline, Christina
Death of a Ghost	Beaton, M. C.
Garden of Lamentations	Crombie, Deborah
Heartbreak Hotel	Kellerman, Jonathan
History of Wolves	Fridlund, Emily
Humans, Bow Down	Patterson, James
LaRose	Erdrich, Louise
Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk	Rooney, Kathleen
My Husband's Wife	Corry, Jane
My Not So Perfect Life	Kinsella, Sophie
Racing the Devil	Todd, Charles
Ring of Fire	Taylor, Brad
Shining City	Rosenstiel, Tom
The Chilbury Ladies' Choir	Ryan, Jennifer
The Orphan's Tale	Jenoff, Pam
The School Days of Jesus	Coetzee, J. M.

Non-Fiction

How to Make Your Money	
Last	Quinn, Jane Bryant
One-Pan Wonders	Cook's Country
The Beginner's Guide to	
Starting A Garden	Roth, Sally
The Book of Joy	Lama, Dalai
The Brain Warrior's Way	
Cookbook	Amen, Tana
The Cancer-Fighting Kitchen	Katz, Rebecca



Large Type Books

A Gentleman in Moscow	Towles, Amor
Hidden Figures	Shetterly, Margot

Audiobooks

A Gentleman In Moscow	Towles, Amor
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DVDs

A Man Called Ove
Allied
Arrival
Doctor Strange
Lost and Found
Loving
Moonlight
Nocturnal Animals
Patriots' Day
Snowden
The Accountant
The Eagle Huntress
The Edge of Seventeen



Adult Programming (continued)

Podcasting: Connecting with your favorite Authors and Genres

Wednesday, April 19th, 6:30 to 7:45 pm

Podcasts are exploding in popularity and represent a fantastic (and free!) way to connect with your favorite authors and genres. Learn how to access the thousands of available programs on your phone or computer and get great recommendations for your playlists. Mendham resident Kathy Doyle, director of Macmillan Publishers' Podcast Network in New York, will lead this informative session. Registration is required. Please call the library to register.



36th Annual Antiques Show and Sale

The Rotary Club of the Mendhams is sponsoring its 36th Annual Antiques Show & Sale on April 8th and 9th at Mendham High School. Hours are Saturday 10am to 5pm, and Sunday 11am to 4pm. Admission is \$7 (\$6 with discount card or this article) Parking is free and food will be available for purchase. For further information please visit our website at www.mendhamrotaryclub.org. The show is a major fundraiser, with proceeds supporting High School Scholarships, the Rotary Youth Leadership Award for H.S. Juniors (a weekend leadership program held at Drew), dictionaries for all Mendham 3rd graders, and a wide variety of local and international programs.

Borough Calendar for April 2017

Curbside Bulk Pickup

Mondays, April 3, 10, 17 & 24

Board of Adjustment - at the Garabrant Center,
7:30 pm on Tuesday, April 4

Borough Council - at the Garabrant Center, 8 pm on Monday,
April 3 & 17

Historic Preservation Commission - at the Phoenix House,
7:30 pm on Monday, April 17

Planning Board Meeting - at the Garabrant Center,
7:30 pm on Monday, April 10

Recreation Commission - at the Phoenix House,
7:30 pm on Wednesday, April 12

Environmental Commission - at the Phoenix House,
7:30 pm on Thursday, April 20

News from the Mendham Borough Police Department

The Mendham Borough Police Department is investigating a home invasion that occurred on Balbrook Drive on February 9th at 7:05 PM. The victim was taking a nap when he heard people whispering. His bedroom door slowly opened and the suspects shined a flashlight on him. The suspects fled from the scene and there were no items reported to be missing. Prior to forcing entry into the home through a door, the suspects had removed the electric meter from the side of the house, disabling the alarm system. The

primary residents of the home were on vacation at the time of the incident. There were at least three other burglaries that occurred in Morris County on the same date, all of which had the electric meters disabled from the home. There have been numerous "meter pull" burglaries throughout the area within the last year, with the primary residents away on vacation at the time of the incident. Other jurisdictions have reported that the actors are casing the areas in high end vehicles to avoid suspicion.

The Police are urging all residents to report any suspicious vehicles immediately so that Patrol can respond to investigate. They are also recommending that residents consider upgrading their alarm systems to cellular notification and alternate power sources. This way the alarm company will be notified even if their electric meter has been removed.

The Borough Police Department is also investigating a burglary and theft that occurred at the Sisters of Christian Charity on February 19th, 2017. An unknown suspect gained entry into multiple offices within the facility and used a tool to force open desk drawers and filing cabinets. They stole both the Sisters' personal money as well as money earned from retreats. The incident is still under investigation. The Mendham Borough PBA Local #384 has donated \$500.00 to the Sisters to help assist with their loss.