

The Mendham Messenger

December 2017

Mayor's Update

Dear Resident and Business Owner,

The newly formed Mayoral Ad Hoc Committee on Economic Development recently met for the first time and by all accounts, the meeting was one filled with enthusiasm. An initial inventory of business was discussed as well as some initial ideas on how we can best assist our local businesses. More details on the committee's progress will follow as additional details become available.

As of this writing, there have been three very qualified candidates who have been identified and who have participated in two rounds of interviews, one to screen them to ascertain their technical knowledge while a second round was conducted by the personnel subcommittee of the borough council. Another round of interviews with these three candidates is planned for early December with the Mayor and the full council at which time it will be likely that a finalist will be identified so that a compensation package can be negotiated and a start date established.

Also as you read this article, the written portion of our Promotional Exam for the Chief of Police as well as the written essay element will have been completed. The oral examination will have been scheduled and at the conclusion of that interview, final scores will be tallied and the top candidate for Chief of Police will have been identified. It is my goal to be able to appoint a new Chief in time for our New Year's reorganization meeting.

Our Department of Public Works is working towards the completion of a contract renewal on the pick-up of curbside recycling and working on an agreement to share angle snow plows with the Township of Mendham.

Budget preparation has begun and preliminary examination of the requested 2018 municipal budget will take place shortly as a follow up to a special budget

hearing by the Mayor and Council. Our goal this year, as it has been in previous years, is to minimize any potential increase to the budget while working on continuing towards our goal of eliminating our total debt service with the next two years.

Work continues at the Mountain Valley Pond on the dredging of the pond and the repair of the pond's dam. The council heard a report from Borough Engineer Paul Ferriero that the project is expected to come in at or about budget.

Please remember that our overnight winter parking ban is now in effect. No vehicle is permitted to be parked on any street in the borough during the overnight hours in the winter months. Please remember to make sure your car is parked off the street to avoid being cited for overnight parking during the winter months.

The Mayor and Council remain committed to serving you as well as remaining open to solicit any ideas which you may want to share. Please contact any of us through Borough Clerk Margot Kaye who can be reached at 973-543-7151 x15.

Sincerely,

Mayor Neil Henry

Annual Hilltop Christmas Concert - December 3rd

Hilltop Presbyterian Church will present its Annual Christmas Concert on Sunday afternoon, December 3, 2017 at 4:00 pm in the sanctuary. Adults: \$15, students: \$10. This concert has been a full house in the past, so don't delay! Call the church office for more information at 973-543-4012.





Mendham Borough
LIBRARY

News from the Mendham Borough Library

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

For Kids in December

*Programs are for all ages unless otherwise noted.
Space is limited and sign-ups are a must.*

****NEW** Homework Helper Program**

Register to become a pupil or tutor for this new after school tutoring program. Call the library for more information.

Toddler Sing-Along

Mondays @ 10:30 am
Join Mr. Ryan and friends for singing, dancing, games and a craft for ages birth to 5.



Crafternoon

Mondays @ 3:30 pm
A program which encourages creative expression.

Snap Circuit Workshop

Thursdays @ 3:30 pm
Have fun learning all about electronics. Build over 100 exciting projects in this entertaining engineering workshop.

Holly Trail Crafternoon

Saturday, Dec. 2nd @ 10 am–2 pm
Come in from the cold for some holiday cheer and crafts. Our library will be a favorite stop this year on Mendham Borough's Holly Trail.



Family Gingerbread Workshop

Monday, Dec. 4th @ 6:30 pm (located at St. Mark's)

In this special Edible Art event, families will come together to build and decorate a beautiful and delicious gingerbread home. This event will be held at Saint

Mark's Episcopal Church. Space is extremely limited. Registration is required.



Chess Club

Thursday, Dec. 7th @ 6:30 pm
Learn to play one of the world's oldest games with our Chessmaster.



Afternoon Movie: *The Muppet Christmas Carol*

Saturday, Dec. 16th @ 12 pm
The Muppets' version of the Dickens holiday classic. (Rated G/ 85 minutes)



Fun & Games

Fridays @ 3:30 pm (12/1– Lego Club)
A venue for your favorite board games and activities.

Adult Programs in December

Come Learn about Elder Investment Fraud

Friday, December 8th at 1 pm
Please come join Arlene Ferris-Waks, Director, Complaints and Investor Outreach New Jersey Bureau of Securities as she discusses Elder Investment Fraud. The program concentrates on the “red flags of investment fraud,” how investors can protect themselves from becoming victims and how investors can learn to identify problematic practices/ scams.



Back by Popular Demand: Holiday Celtic Harp with

Faye Fishman
HARPIST
Tuesday,
December 12th at 1 pm



Come and join us for this special concert with Faye Fishman on the Celtic Harp. Faye will talk about the harp and include descriptions and fun facts about the melodies. Refreshments will be served. Don't miss out on this chance to enjoy a favorite entertainer. Call the library to register.

Events at Schiff Nature Preserve

Please see a complete list and register online at www.schiffnaturepreserve.org or call [973-543-6004](tel:973-543-6004)

Twig Star Ornaments

December 10, 2017 (Sunday) 6-8 pm
Spend a relaxing evening making rustic twig stars for your home this holiday season! A beautiful decoration, these make wonderful handmade gifts, and can be used as decoration all year long. Great for beginning or experienced crafters ages teen to adult. Member fee is \$5. Non-member fee is \$10. Register by 12/9/17.

New Books, DVDs & Audiobooks

Fiction

A Christmas Return Perry, Anne
A Momentary Marriage Camp, Candace
Count to Ten Paterson, James
Crazy Like a Fox Brown, Rita Mae
Deep Freeze Sandford, John
End Game Baldacci, David
Every Breath You Take Clark, Mary Higgins
Fatality By Firelight Cahoon, Lynn
Future Home of the Living God Erdrich, Louise
Happy Dreams Pingwa, Jia
Hardcore Twenty-Four Evanovich, Janet
In the Midst of Winter Allende, Isabel
Killing Season Kellerman, Jonathan
Lilac Lane Woods, Sherryl
Mind Game Johansen, Iris
Pulse Francis, Felix
Quick and Dirty Woods, Stuart
Right Where We Belong Novak, Brenda
Tell Tale Stories Archer, Jeffrey
The Armageddon File Coonts, Stephen
The Ghost of Christmas Past Bowen, Rhys
The Ghosts of Galway Bruen, Ken
The Good Daughter Slaughter, Karin
The Midnight Line Child, Lee
The People VS. Alex Cross Patterson, James
The Rooster Bar Grisham, John
The Rules of Magic Hoffman, Alice
Two Kinds of Truth Connelly, Michael
Typhoon Fury Cussler, Clive

Large Print

Bellman and Black Setterfield, Diane
I, Ripper Hunter, Stephen
Signal Lee, Patrick
The Children's Crusade Packer, Ann
The Race for Paris Clayton, Meg Waite
Wait for Dark Hooper, Kay

Non-Fiction

Code Girls Mundy, Liza
Cooking With Nonna Rago, Rossella
Dinner in an Instant Clark, Melissa
Healing the Broken Brain Dow, Mike
Historic Landmarks of Old NY Guides, Museyon
L'appart Lebovitz, David
Leonardo Da Vinci Isaacson, Walter
Obama The Call of History Baker, Peter
Sisters First Hager, Jenna
Skin Deep Shapiro, Bee
The Alzheimer's Solution Sherzai Dean
The Woman Who Smashed Codes Fagone, Jason

Audio Books

A Column of Fire Follett, Ken
A Legacy of Spies Le Carre, John

DVDs

Baby Driver
Big Little Lies: Season 1
Cars 3
Despicable Me 3
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2
Megan Leavey
Paris Can Wait
Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales
Spiderman Homecoming
The Beguiled
The Big Sick
The Book of Henry
The Circle
The Dark Tower
The Emoji Movie
The Glass Castle
War for the Planet of the Apes
Westworld The Complete First Season

**** Library Holiday Hours ****

Monday, December 25 Closed
Tuesday, December 26 Closed
Monday, January 1 Closed



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Borough Calendar for December 2017

Holly Trail, Tree Lighting and Holiday Concert -
Saturday, December 2nd

Curbside Bulk Pickup - Monday, December 4, 11 & 18

Recycle - Thursdays, December 7 & 21

Borough Council Meetings - at the Garabrant Center,
8 pm on Thursday, December 7 & 21

Board of Adjustment - at the Garabrant Center,
7:30 pm on Tuesday, December 5

Board of Health - at the Bowers Building
7:00 pm on Wednesday, December 6

Environmental Commission - at the Phoenix House,
7:30 pm on Thursday, December 21

Historic Preservation Commission - at the Phoenix
House, 7:30 pm on Monday, December 18

Planning Board Meeting - at the Garabrant Center,
7:30 pm on Monday, December 11

Recreation Meeting - at the Black Horse Tavern, 1
West Main Street, 7:30 pm on Wednesday,
December 13

Ride With MAST!

Mendham Area Senior
Transportation transports
senior and disabled
residents in Mendham
Borough and Mendham
Township to medical



appointments and food shopping. Rides are provided to Drs appointments Monday, Tuesday, Thursday (9-3) and Friday (9-12:30). Wednesdays rides are provided to Chester ShopRite at 9 am. Towns served are Basking Ridge, Bernardsville, Cedar Knolls, Chester, Denville, Harding, Mendham Borough, Mendham Township, Morristown, Morris Plains, Morris Township, Mount Freedom, Parsippany, Randolph, and Whippany. They also transport to the Veterans Hospital in Lyons. Rides to other towns in Morris County will be considered as the schedule permits.

Call **973-543-2666**, Press Option 2, to register and **Ride With MAST!**

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