Mayor’s Update

Dear Resident and Business Owner,

Happy March! This month brings our municipal budget time of the year. Our budgeting process is well underway and is being expertly managed by Councilman Brad Badal who chairs our Council Finance Committee. We start internally reviewing departmental budgets with department heads and our auditor throughout the month of February. State Statute gives us between March 11 through March 23 to introduce our budget. Our budget adoption deadline is April 9 through April 27. If you would like to learn more about the town budget and understand how we allocate your tax dollars to services, plan to join us at our March and early April Council meetings. We will be sure to post these dates on our website and social media.

Update:

On October 1st of 2019 Mendham Borough entered into a new arrangement to share our municipal court needs with Washington Township and Califon Borough. You may remember that prior to that we had been in a shared arrangement with Chester Borough. With Chester Borough changing their policing arrangement to a contract service with Chester Township, their courts needs significantly diminished and it made sense for them move their court system to share with Chester Township and Mendham Township. Our transition from Chester Borough to Washington Township was seamless.

Although we reviewed joining our court with the Chesters and Mendham Township, we ultimately decided to head further west. The great news is that this shared service agreement with Washington Township represents an excellent cost savings for Mendham Borough of over $35,000 for 2020.

We have Chief Camoia to thank for guiding us through this transition. The Chief tells me that although the system and structure of all courts are similar, our transition with Washington Township staff has been smooth as they have welcomed us with professionalism and are treating Mendham Borough as an equal. We are happy to be a part of this new court family.

I hope you do not find yourself in need of our court system. If you do however, it is located at 43 Schooley’s Mountain Road Long Valley, NJ 07853, and the contact numbers are phone: 908-876-3852 and FAX: 908-876-0058.

Who’s who in Mendham: In Memoriam

I hope you will all join me in remembering William Steelman, former Mendham Borough Mayor. Bill died of pancreatic cancer on February 4th, 2020 at 79 years of age. Bill served one term as Mayor for our town from 1991 to 1995. Bill’s obituary shares that he enjoyed a thirty plus year career in banking and he and his wife Linda retired and moved from Mendham to Nantucket in the late 1990’s, where they spent the remainder of their time. We thank Bill for the contributions to our town. You can learn more about Bill at the Bailey’s Funeral Home website obituary section.

Coming up:

Our ECOSST Committee will be sponsoring a Hard Drive Shredding Day, date to be determined as of yet but we will be certain to advertise this well. Have other ideas to share with our committee that can help our environment? Please email Lisa Smith at planning@mendhamnj.org.

Reminder:

You can now pay your sewer and tax bills online. Go to http://mendhamnj.org/ and look for the “pay online” button to the far right and bottom of the front page of our website.

Here’s wishing you all a burst of colorful flowers for the spring!

Sincerely,

Christine Serrano Glassner
Mayor, Mendham Borough
Upcoming Adult Programs at the Library

Beethoven’s 250th Anniversary—His Music and Influence
Wednesday, March 4th at 6:30 pm
The influence that composer Ludwig van Beethoven had on the progression of music history cannot be overstated. His defiant approach towards music and composing paved the way for artists today to express themselves as they truly desire. In this lecture we will gain an understanding of this complicated genius and learn how over 200 years later he is still influencing the world today. Registration required.

Open Book Night (or Day)
Tuesday, March 10th @ 6:30 pm
Friday, March 20th @ 2:00 pm
Have you read anything good lately? Share your reading recommendations and get some ideas for what to read next. Refreshments will be served.

Cutting the Cable Cord *Rescheduled from January*
Wednesday, March 25th – 2 sessions will be offered @ 1 pm & 6:30 pm
A (knowledgeable) Mendham Borough resident will be demonstrating a variety of ways to augment and/or reduce the cost of local cable TV service. He will be demonstrating Roku and Amazon Firestick to access streaming video services, a CableCard Tuner, a Digital TV Antenna and more. Learn how easy set up and everyday use can be! Registration is required. Sign up today!

Weekly Programs For Babies and Toddlers

Birth to Age 5
Toddler Sing-Along
Mondays @ 10:30 am
Baby Playtime
Fridays @ 10:30 am

For Kids in March
Programs are for all ages unless otherwise noted.

Kindness Club
Mondays March 2, 16 & 23 @ 3:30 pm
Join us as we make coffee filter butterflies to share with our friends over at Holly Manor!

Read to a Dog
Monday, March 9th @ 3:30 pm
Read your favorite books with some furry friends. Therapy dogs are trained to promote early literacy and bonding with animals. All ages. Registration required.

The World Beneath Our Feet
Thursday, March 5th @ 3:30 pm
A hole in the ground is always mysterious as it invites curiosity and wonder. Discover why some animals are fossorial (lives underground) and what adaptations they need to survive this underfoot habitat. Meet four live animals whose survival depends on the time they spend within the soil and discover why subterranean ecosystems are diverse, balanced, and much more active than you may think. Ages 5+. Limited to 25 spots.

Harry Potter/ Fantasy Drawing Workshop
Thursday, March 19th @ 6:30-7:30 pm
Work along with comic book writer/artist Doug Baron as he demonstrates drawing some of your favorite Harry Potter characters as well as Mythological creatures, dragons, etc. The students will draw along with Doug as he breaks down subjects...from basic shapes to completed forums. Along the way he will point out important aspects to consider such as guidelines, feature placement, expressions, lighting & shading, proportions, etc. Ages 8-14. Limited to 20 spots. Sign up today!

Girls Who Code
6th–12th Grade - Tuesdays from 4:00–5:30
3rd–5th Grade - Wednesdays from 3:30–5:00 pm
This program wraps up in March and was a big success. It is full, but look for us again in late 2020!
### New Books, Audiobooks & DVDS

#### Fiction
- A Divided Loyalty
- A Long Petal of the Sea
- A Longer Fall
- A Very Stable Genius
- Above the Bay of Angels
- All the Ways We Said Goodbye
- Almost Just Friends
- American Dirt
- Big Lies in a Small Town
- Crooked River
- Dear Edward
- Deep State
- Golden in Death
- Home Work
- Last Day
- Long Bright River
- Regretting You
- Salt River
- Such a Fun Age
- The Country Guesthouse
- The Last Real Cowboy
- The Museum of Desire
- The Night Before
- The Playground
- The Prized Girl
- The Spies of Shilling Lane
- The Wife and the Widow
- The Yellow House
- Treason
- Tweet Cute
- Westering Women

#### Non-Fiction
- What Rose Forgot
- When You See Me
- Wild Game

#### DVDs
- Addams Family
- Gemini Man
- Harriet
- Joker
- Once Upon a Time In Hollywood
- Parasite

### Adult Book Club
The next meeting is Friday, March 27th at 10 am. The book that will be discussed is *The Anatomy of A Miracle* by Jonathan Miles.
Borough Calendar for March 2020

Curbside Bulk Pickup - Mondays, March 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30
Recycle - Thursdays, March 12 & 26
Borough Council Meetings - at the Garabrant Center, 8 pm on Wednesday, March 11th & Monday, March 23rd
Board of Adjustment - at the Garabrant Center, 7:30 pm on Tuesday, March 3
Board of Health - at the Garabrant Center, 7 pm on Wednesday, March 4
ECOSST - at the Garabrant Center, 7:30 pm on Monday, March 2
Historic Preservation Commission - at the Garabrant Center, 7:30 pm on Monday, March 16
Planning Board Meeting - at the Garabrant Center, 7:30 pm on Monday, March 9
Recreation Meeting - at the Garabrant Center, 7:30 pm on Thursday, March 19

Message from MASH: Mendham Area Senior Housing (MASH) is Seeking Your Support

Our budget never covers all of our Seniors’ needs and we hope you can help us with a donation that will allow us to maintain our high standard of affordable housing and expand our current outreach to community Seniors.

March is our Annual Appeal Month — Your DONATION will Support

- Quality subsidized housing for seniors and adults with disabilities.
- Mendham Area Senior Transportation (MAST) services that coordinate transportation rides to Dr. appointments and weekly grocery shopping for all Mendham Borough and Township senior residents.
- The purchase of a new MAST vehicle
- Programs for all local Seniors, including Lunch and Learns, Flu Clinics, wellness presentations, Yoga, Exercise and much more.

Donations can be sent to: MASH, One Heritage Manor Drive, Mendham, NJ 07945. Stop by or call us at 973-543-2666 to learn more about MASH, becoming a Member or donating to MASH.