

The Mendham Messenger

June 2010

Mayor's Update

Dear Residents and Business Owners:

I hope this edition of the Mendham Messenger finds you well! As we enter June, I am sure most of you are looking forward to some good old fashioned down time after a busy spring.

At its May 3, 2010 meeting, the Borough Council introduced its 2010 budget. The Council will hold a public hearing on this budget at the June 7, 2010 meeting to be held at the Garabrant Center at 8 pm. The total budget for 2010 was \$7,316,432.78 which was an increase of 3.55% or \$251,013.50 over last year's budget of \$7,065,419.28. This translates into a \$76.27 tax increase on a home assessed at the borough average of \$707,336.

As is typically the case, we faced significant increases in fixed costs before work began on the budget. These costs totaled \$125,889 and included \$38,411 in pensions, \$81,580 in health costs, and \$5,898 in social security.

We continue to work down our debt without any additional borrowing. Total debt service for 2010 is \$513,233.78 versus \$505,099.26 last year. This totaled \$316,996.56 in principal payments and \$196,237.22 in interest payments.

Our capital budget totaled \$698,500 and included major projects such as resurfacing Ironia Road (\$180,000), and resurfacing the MASH parking lot (\$170,000). The borough is obligated to maintain this parking lot and had put this project off for a few years. The council thought it necessary to fix the parking lot before one of our seniors suffered a serious fall.

You should also note that this budget reflects a loss of \$152,484 in state aid this year. The entire budget can be reviewed at our website www.mendhamnj.org.

With both of our school board budgets being defeated, the borough council was also busy reviewing these budgets to recommend additional cuts to the respective school boards.

The sub-committee which had been studying a proposed occupancy limitation ordinance has completed their work and that ordinance was introduced at the borough council's May 17 meeting.

On May 1, the Mendham Borough police department dedicated a tree and a memorial stone which now

stands in front of our police headquarters. This tree and stone were placed in memory of Sgt. Richard Morales who worked on our police department for 22 years. If you are passing police headquarters, please take a moment to note the tree and remember Sgt. Morales for all of his significant contributions to Mendham Borough.

Please have a safe and enjoyable summer!

Sincerely,

Neil Henry, Mayor

Mendham Garden Club News

The Mendham Garden Club is blooming with energy as we work the Oak Tree Triangle and the Phoenix House Gardens. Please join us there every Tuesday morning at 9 am. During the summer months we also tour local residents' gardens and properties. Can we come visit you? Please call me to set up a day and time.

We invite you to take a break, have lunch or even read while enjoying our recent donations of furniture in the Phoenix Garden. We are working toward a September 5 rededication of this historic jewel in Mendham.

Once again thanks to all those in town who came out to support our annual plant sale. These funds help maintain local gardens, fund educational programs and the club's annual high school scholarship.

Keep planting!! Lucy Monahan, president

Annual Sidewalk Sales and Garage Sales Friday, June 11 & Saturday, June 12

At the Mendham Village Shopping Center and throughout town. Come to the Ralston Fire House to receive a map for the garage sales! Look for more details in the Observer Tribune during the week of the sale.





Mendham Borough
LIBRARY

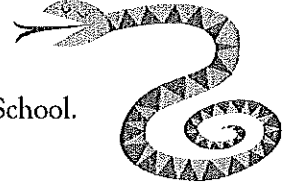
News from the Mendham Borough Library

10 Hilltop Road 973 543-4152 mendhamboroughlibrary.org

Summer Programs at the Mendham Borough Library

Summer Reading Kickoff — Rizzo's Reptiles Returns at June 30 at 4 pm

Meet lizards, frogs, snakes and other special wildlife guest on June 30 at Hilltop School.



Summer Reading Program — Read and Win Prizes

Read, or be read to, for at least one hour each week. Record your times at the library, take home a different prize each week and earn one raffle ticket toward the grand prizes for every hour read! For kids in 5th grade and up, the library will be giving away a free book to all kids who sign up and there will be a chance for them to win gift certificates to Mendham Books and Robinsons.

Week 1: June 28 - July 4	Popcorn & a Free DVD Rental Coupon
Week 2: July 5 - July 11	Free Book & Bookmark
Week 3: July 12 - July 18	Ice Cream Coupon
Week 4: July 19 - July 25	Tattoos & Hawaiian Leis
Week 4: July 26 - July 30	Grab Bag of Prizes

Ice Cream Social & Grab Bag Prize Party

Friday, July 30 at 2 pm Grand prizes for winners and grab bag prizes for everyone!

Special Programs

Tuesday, July 6 at 2 pm	Puppet Show and Paper Bag Puppet Craft
Wednesday, July 7 at 6:30 pm	Teen Movie Night: Stop by and vote for the movie of your choice.
Tuesday, July 20 at 2 pm	Game Day — let's see how many kids we can get for a giant game of Twister, a bubble blowing contest and more!
Wednesday, July 21 at 6:30 pm	Family Movie Night: Come enjoy a movie with popcorn provided.
Wednesday, July 28 at 3 pm	Book Hunt (with prizes)

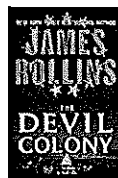
Regularly Scheduled Programs

Wednesdays, July 13 & 27 at 2 pm	PAWS for Reading — Come read to a certified therapy dog.
Thursdays at 2 pm	Preschool Storytime
Fridays at 2 pm	Crafts and Snacks

Water Your Mind

READ

New Acquisitions at the MBL



Books

<i>Apple Backseat Saints</i>	Joshilyn Jackson	6/8	<i>Seven Year Switch</i>	Claire Cook	6/1
<i>Beachcombers</i>	Nancy Thayer	6/22	<i>Sizzling Sixteen</i>	Janet Evanovich	6/22
<i>Beautiful Maria of My Soul</i>	Oscar Hijuelos	6/1	<i>So Cold the River</i>	Michael Koryta	6/9
<i>Between a Heart and a Rock Place</i>	Pat Benatar	6/15	<i>Spies of the Balkans</i>	Alan Furst	6/15
<i>Bone Appetit</i>	Carolyn Haines	6/22	<i>The Spy</i>	Clive Cussler	6/1
<i>Broken</i>	Karin Slaughter	6/22	<i>Stay</i>	Allie Larkin	6/10
<i>The Burning Wire</i>	Jeffrey Deaver	6/8	<i>The Thousand Autumns of Jacob De Zoet</i>		
<i>Cat Cora's Classics With a Twist</i>	Cat Cora	6/2		David Mitchell	6/29
<i>Crashers</i>	Dana Haynes	6/22	<i>uncharted terriTORI</i>	Tori Spelling	6/15
<i>Cum Laude</i>	Cecily Von Ziegesar	6/1	<i>Foreign Influence</i>	Brad Thor	6/29
<i>Death Echo</i>	Elizabeth Lowell	6/8	<i>The Vigilantes</i>	W.E.B. Griffin	6/1
<i>A Desirable Residence</i>	Madeleine Wickham	6/22	<i>A Visit from the Goon Squad</i>	Jennifer Egan	6/8
<i>The Devil Amongst the Lawyers</i>	Sharyn McCrumb	6/22	<i>Whiplash</i>	Catherine Coulter	6/15
<i>The Devil Colony</i>	James Rollins	6/22	<i>Work Song</i>	Ivan Doig	6/29
<i>Does the Noise in My Head Bother You?</i>					
	Steven Tyler	6/15	Audio-Books		
<i>The Faculty Club</i>	Danny Tobey	6/1	<i>Beatrice and Virgil</i>	Yann Martel	
<i>Family Ties</i>	Danielle Steel	6/22	<i>Caught</i>	Harlan Coben	
<i>Far Cry</i>	John Harvey	6/15	<i>Deception</i>	Jonathan Kellerman	
<i>Frankenstein: Lost Souls</i>	Dean R. Koontz	6/15	<i>Game Change</i>	John Heilmann	
<i>Frommer's South America</i>	Nicholas Gill	6/21	<i>The Immortal Life Henrietta Lacks</i>	Rebecca Skloot	
<i>Furious Love</i>	Sam Kashner	6/15	<i>Imperfect Birds</i>	Anne Lamott	
<i>Hitch-22</i>	Christopher Hitchens	6/2	<i>The Lake Shore Limited</i>	Sue Miller	
<i>How Did You Get This Number</i>	Sloane Crosley	6/15	<i>Little Bee</i>	Chris Cleave	
<i>Imperial Bedrooms</i>	Bret Easton Ellis	6/15	<i>Major Pettigrew's Last Stand</i>	Helen Simonson	
<i>In My Father's House</i>	E. Lynn Harris	6/22	<i>The Pacific</i>	Hugh Ambrose	
<i>In the Name of Honor</i>	Richard Patterson	6/29	<i>Think Twice</i>	Lisa Scottoline	
<i>Inside Out</i>	Barry Eisler	6/29	<i>The Wrecker</i>	Clive Cussler	
<i>Leaving the World</i>	Douglas Kennedy	6/15			
<i>The Left Hand of God</i>	Paul Hoffman	6/15	Large Type Books		
<i>The Liar's Lullaby</i>	Meg Gardiner	6/24	<i>Apple Turnover Murder</i>	Joanne Fluke	
<i>The Lion</i>	Nelson DeMille	6/8	<i>Game Change</i>	John Heilemann	
<i>Lowcountry Summer</i>	Dorothea B. Frank	6/15	<i>Hell Gate</i>	Linda Fairstein	
<i>The Mountain Between Us</i>	Charles Martin	6/1	<i>House Rules</i>	Jodi Picoult	
<i>Mr. Peanut</i>	Adam Ross	6/22	<i>The Lost Symbol</i>	Dan Brown	
<i>My Name Is Memory</i>	Ann Brashares	6/1	<i>The Shadow of Your Smile</i>	Mary Higgins Clark	
<i>The Nobodies Album</i>	Carolyn Parkhurst	6/15	<i>The Silent Sea</i>	Clive Cussler	
<i>The One That I Want</i>	Allison Winn Scotch	6/1			
<i>The Particular Sadness of Lemon Cake</i>	Aimee Bender	6/1	DVDs		
<i>The Passage</i>	Justin Cronin	6/8	<i>Alice in Wonderland (6/1)</i>	Dear John	
<i>Private</i>	James Patterson	6/28	<i>Glee - Season 1, Volume 1</i>	Gone with the Wind	
<i>Promises to Keep</i>	Jane Green	6/15	<i>Green Zone (6/29)</i>	Invictus	
<i>Robert Ludlum's The Bourne Objective</i>			<i>The Last Station (6/22)</i>	Pirate Radio	
	Eric Lustbader	6/1	<i>The Road</i>	Shutter Island	
<i>The Rule of Nine</i>	Steve Martini	6/1	<i>Tooth Fairy</i>	Yoga for Beginners	
<i>Seaworthy</i>	Linda Greenlaw	6/1	<i>Jeff Dunham: Arguing With Myself</i>		
<i>Seven Dirty Words</i>	James Sullivan	6/8	<i>The Real Housewives of New York: Season 1</i>		

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Borough Calendar for June

Curbside Bulk Pickup

Mondays, June 7, 14, 21 & 28

Recycle - Thursdays, June 3 & 17

Borough Council Meetings - at the Garabrant Center,
8 pm on Monday, June 7 and Tuesday, June 21

Planning Board Meeting - at the Garabrant Center,
8 pm on Monday, June 14

Board of Adjustment - at the Garabrant Center,
7:30 pm on Wednesday, June 2

Environmental Commission - at the Phoenix House,
8 pm on Thursday, June 17

Recreation Commission - at the Phoenix House,
7:30 pm on Tuesday, June 8

Historic Commission - at the Phoenix House, 7:30 pm
on Monday, June 21

Mendham Borough Board of Education News

Next Meeting ~ Tuesday, June 22

7:30 pm in the Hilltop School Cafeteria

You are invited to join Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Janie Edmonds, at noon on June 10 in the Hilltop School office to talk about effective avenues of communication. Please bring your favorite brown bag lunch. Janie Edmonds will be pleased to provide beverages. RSVP by June 8 to Ms. Eileen Jost at 973-543-2295 or at jost@mendhamboro.org.

Mendham Historical Society Meeting

Tuesday, June 22, 7:30 pm in the Garabrant Center

Patricia Sanftner will present "In the Revolutionary Style," a talk on the development of fashion during the 18th century from the Sun King to the American patriots. Ms. Sanftner will model several period costumes. Pat is a professor at Marymount College in Manhattan where she teaches theatrical and costume design. A resident of Morristown, Pat also has a 30 year career in Broadway, TV and film design. There is no charge for this presentation and the public is invited.

Patriots 5K Race, Walk & Fun Run

Saturday, June 12 at 9 am at Brookside Community Club

Registration information at
www.mendhamtownship.org.

Call or E-mail for Brush Pick Up

(973) 543- 6535 or dpw@mendhamnj.org

For your convenience the Borough has passed an ordinance providing brush and tree parts pick up by the Department of Public Works. Call or email the department, and we will come and pick up branches and tree parts placed at curbside. Brush will not be picked up unless it you have called or emailed. *Please do not put brush and tree parts out without making arrangements for pick up.*