The Mendham Messenger

March/April 2010

Mayor's Update

Dear Residents and Business Owners:

Spring is almost here and it can't come quickly enough.

Our Department of Public Works worked long and hard this winter to plow the excessive snow and keep our streets and parking lots clear. I would like to thank them for a job well done!

Recently there have been a number of newspaper articles about "shared services" with neighboring towns. I want to assure the community that the Borough Council and administrators are diligent in their consideration of whether new local arrangements will make economic sense for Mendham Borough.

We are, in fact, already actively involved in many shared service arrangements with neighboring communities. The Joint Court of the Mendham's is the municipal court we share with the Township of Mendham, which runs smoothly and efficiently. We are also in agreement with the Bernard's Township Health Department for health services. We are members of the Morris County Joint Insurance Fund and we are members of the Morris County Emergency Communication Center. We also have an inter-local agreement with the West Morris Regional School Board to provide a school resource officer at Mendham High School. We participate in a mutual aid arrangement with neighboring police and fire departments. Finally, we employ the same building code officials as Mendham Township.

The Mayor and Council expect to come to an agreement with the Township of Randolph to share their animal control officer soon. We expect this will provide much better service than we have been receiving from St. Hubert's. There has also been some initial conversation about contracting with the County of Morris Welfare Assistance Department. As arrangements are finalized, I will provide further updates.

Work continues on our 2010 budget and, as of this writing, the council's finance committee is now looking at the capital expenditure and salary portion of our

budget. Our goal is to introduce the budget early this spring after receiving confirmation on state aid numbers.

I expect the occupancy limitation ordinance which has been developed by a sub-committee of the planning board to be introduced during the month of March. The Mayor and Council are also exploring ways to make the sign ordinance more business friendly during these tough economic times.

The Mayor and Council expect to receive an update from the Tax Assessor, Scott Holtzhauer, during the month of March. We are also in line to receive a presentation on a potential 2010 Harvest Run this fall.

Finally, I would like to officially welcome back Sgt. Pasquale Libertino, who returned to duty in early February. Pat suffered life threatening injuries in a motorcycle accident in August and I am sure I speak for all of our residents when I say it is great to see Pat back in uniform patrolling our streets and serving our residents.

Sincerely,

Neil Henry, Mayor

Look in the Messenger for news of:

- Earth Day Activities
- Historical Society and Schiff Nature Preserve Updates
- Senior Activities for Spring
- Children's Events and Friends Information from the Mendham Borough Library
- An invitation to the 2010 Mendies





News from the Mendham Borough Library

10 Hilltop Road

973 543-4152

mendhamboroughlibrary.org

Be a Friend ~ Make a Difference

The Friends of the Mendham Borough Library is the fund, fun and friend raising arm of the organization. From the library's start, our friends have been key to helping us maintain our collection and grow our programs. In the early 1900s, the "Book and Thimble Club" dedicated itself to maintaining the library by sewing items for an annual fund-raising bazaar while listening to books read aloud.

The Friends today focus on bringing all parts of Mendham Borough together through community-based fundraisers. In the last two years, we have held two Mendham "tours" one highlighting local gardens and the other, historic homes. This December's fashion show put the season's latest looks on everyday Mendham women in a beautiful local home.

Now, we have new way to become a member of this important Mendham group. Send in your donation today and you will be among a select group to receive the following library benefits.

- 5 free DVD rentals per year
- Preferred status when reserving books and DVDs
- First notice of library events and happenings

Getting Ready for Beach Reading!

While winter is still winding down here, we've already got our order in for the most popular summer books this year. Keep your eye out for new books in June and July by Clive Cussler, W.E.B. Griffin, Jeffery Deaver, Nelson DeMille, Catherine Coulter, Janet Evanovich, Nora Roberts, John Connolly, Alexander McCall Smith, Jennifer Weiner, Daniel Silva. Become a Friend of the Library and get preferred status on reserving these books for your summer reading.

Book Review Half-Life by Roopa Farooki

It's time to stop fighting, and go home. Those were the words, written by a minor but well-reputed Bengali poet, that finally persuaded Aruna Ahmed Jones to exit her ground-floor Victorian flat wearing



only jeans and a t-shirt, carrying nothing more substantial than a handbag, and keep on walking. Leaving behind the handsome Dr. Patrick Jones, her husband of less than a year, Aruna heads to Heathrow, where she boards a plane bound for Singapore, and her old life. When Aruna left for London, she was fleeing many things: her recently deceased father, the only family she'd ever had; her best friend and lover, Jazz, and the life they'd tried, and failed, to create together; the complicated psychological diagnosis she preferred to forget. But after years of fleeing the ghosts that continue to haunt her, Aruna is about to discover that running away is really the easy part; it is coming home making peace with Jazz, with her past, and even with herself-that is hard. With shades of Slumdog Millionaire and The Namesake, Roopa Farooki's novel is luminous and gripping.

Review taken from Amazon.com.

New Acquisitions at the MBL

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Books March

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| 212 | Alafair Burke | 3/23 | Hannah's List | Debbie Macomber | 4/27 |
| Abraham Lincoln:m Vampire Hunt | | 3/2 | Holly Blues | Susan Wittig Albert | 4/6 |
| Angelology | Danielle Trussoni | 3/9 | Imperfect Birds | Anne Lamott | 4/6 |
| The Barbary Pirates | William Dietrich | 3/30 | = : | Ace Atkins | 4/15 |
| Bite Me: A Love Story | Christopher Moore | 3/23 | Infamous Island Beneath the Sea | Isabel Allende | |
| The Boy Who Loved Tornadoes | - | 3/30 | | | 4/27 |
| Capitol Betrayal | William Bernhardt | 3/16 | The Lake Shore Limited | Sue Miller | 4/6 |
| Chelsea Chelsea Bang Bang | Chelsea Handler | 3/9 | Laughed 'Til He Died | Carolyn Hart | 4/6 |
| The Devil's Star | Jo Nesbo | 3/9 | The Long Song | Andrea Levy | 4/27 |
| Every Day in Tuscany | Frances Mayes | 3/9 | Lucid Intervals | Stuart Woods | 4/20 |
| Falling Apart in One Piece | Stacy Morrison | 3/23 | Making Haste from Babylon | Nick Bunker | 4/13 |
| Fireworks over Toccoa | Jeffrey Stepakoff | 3/30 | Miss Julia Renews Her Vows | Ann B. Ross | 4/6 |
| Good to a Fault | Marina Endicott | 3/23 | A Murderous Procession | Ariana Franklin | 4/1 |
| The Highly Effective Detective I | | | The 9 th Judgment | James Patterson | 4/26 |
| | Richard Yancey | 3/2 | Nowhere to Run | C. J. Box | 4/6 |
| The Hole We're In | Gabrielle Zevin | 3/10 | Parrot and Olivier in America | Peter Carey | 4/20 |
| House Rules | Jodi Picoult | 3/2 | Return to Sender | Fern Michaels | 4/27 |
| If the Dead Rise Not | Philip Kerr | 3/18 | A River in the Sky | Elizabeth Peters | 4/6 |
| Imperfect Endings | Zoe Fitzgerald Carter | 3/2 | Savor the Moment | Nora Roberts | 4/27 |
| Jane's Fame | Claire Harman | 3/2 | The Scent of Rain and Lightning | • | 4/6 |
| Jenniemae & James | Brooke Newman | 3/30 | Scent of the Missing | Susannah Charleson | |
| Lift | Kelly Corrigan | 3/2 | The Shadow of Your Smile | Mary Higgins Clark | 4/13 |
| Losing Charlotte | Heather Clay | 3/23 | Shoot to Thrill | P. J. Tracy | 4/29 |
| Mad World | Paula Byrne | 3/30 | Skorpion Directive | David Stone | 4/29 |
| Major Pettigrew's Last Stand | Helen Simonson | 3/2 | This Body of Death | Elizabeth George | 4/20 |
| Out of Body | Stella Cameron | 3/1 | This Is Not the Story You Think It Is | | |
| Satch, Dizzy, and Rapid Robert | Timothy M. Gay | 3/16 | | Laura Munson | 4/1 |
| Saving Gracie | Carol Bradley | 3/1 | The Walk | Richard Paul Evans | 4/6 |
| Shift Your Habit | Elizabeth Rogers | 3/9 | Audio-Books | | |
| Solar | Ian McEwan | 3/30 | | I D 11: | |
| The Storm | Margriet De Moor | 3/9 | Altar of Eden | James Rollins | |
| A Thousand Cuts | Simon Lelic | 3/4 | The Brightest Star in the Sky | Marian Keyes | |
| April | | | Going Rogue | Sarah Palin | |
| _ | Ionnifor Chiavanini | 1/6 | Vanished | Joseph Finder | |
| The Aloha Quilt | Jennifer Chiaverini Sarah Silverman | 4/6 | The Postmistress | Sarah Blake | |
| The Bedwetter | | 4/20 | Sarah's Key | Tatiana de Rosna | У |
| The Black Cat | Martha Grimes | 4/6 | Where the God of Love Hangs (| • | |
| Burning Lamp | Amanda Quick | 4/20 | Wild Child | T.C. Boyle | |
| The Dead Republic | Roddy Doyle | 4/29 | Worst Case | James Patterson | |
| Didn't I Feed You Yesterday? | Laura Bennett | 4/6 | DVDs | | |
| Eight Days to Live | Iris Johansen | 4/20 | DVDs | 2 /22 | |
| Every Last One | Anna Quindlen | 4/13 | The Blind Side | 3/23 | |
| Exclusive | Fern Michaels | 4/1 | Did You Hear About the Morga | | |
| The Executor | Jesse Kellerman | 4/1 | An Education | 3/30 | |
| French Women Don't Get Fat (| | 4 /27 | The Fantastic Mr. Fox | 3/23 | |
| C IN Divi | Mireille Guiliano | 4/27 | The Princess and the Frog | 3/16 | |
| God Never Blinks | Regina Brett | 4/13 | Up in the Air | 3/9 | |
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News from the Mendham Borough Library continued

Children's Programs

Special & New Programs

Book & Egg Hunt Saturday, March 27 at 12 noon



Celebrate the coming of spring with an egg and book treasure hunt. Six and under will hunt for eggs (with prizes inside) hidden on the first floor. Seven and up will hunt downstairs for eggs and books. The bigger kids will use clues to find special books containing prize coupons. Bring your baskets for an eggciting time. Sign ups are a must for this fun, popular event.

Spring Bingo with fun prizes - Friday, April 9 at 3:15

Flower Magnet Craft - Wednesday, April 21 at 3:15 pm

Teen Library Council Wednesday, March 3 & April 7 at 6:30 pm

We are looking for middle school and high school students to join our **Teen Library Council**. Help plan new programs, preview new books and learn about exciting volunteer opportunities. TLC will meet the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments and pizza will be provided, so please call us to register for this group.

Community Family Movie Night Wednesday, March 10 at 6:30 pm

Take a break to watch the family movie *UP* with us. You bring the kids and we'll supply the popcorn. Come early to get a good seat! Movie will be shown in the Fletcher Gallery.



Ongoing and Weekly Programs

Sing-A-Longs

For toddlers ~ Mondays at 10:30 am Songs for our littlest library patrons. For preschoolers ~ Mondays at 11:45 am Songs for kids ages 3 and up.

Preschool Story Time

Tuesdays at 10:30 am & Thursdays at 2 pm



Kids' Chess Club on Thursdays, March 11 & April 8 from 6:30 to 7:45 pm

There are still a few spaces in our new Chess Program for kids in grades 4 through 8. The first session, run by instructor Marty Sobin, was rescheduled due to snowy weather so there is still time to sign your child up to join in this program from the start. Experienced players will be paired and given constructive critiques. Beginners will be helped with basic instruction and tips. Sign ups are limited to 20 students. If there is additional interest, names will be placed on a wait list.

Fletcher Gallery & Curio Cabinet

Do you have some art or a project to share with your Mendham neighbors? The Fletcher Gallery has openings starting in April 2010. Fill the space, have your very own reception and let Mendham see what you have been doing.

March Enjoy Mendham's own creative spirit as the Fletcher Gallery proudly presents student artwork from Hilltop Elementary School and Mountain View Middle School. The Curio Cabinet will display St. Patrick's Day items. Be sure to also check out the Palm Sunday and Passover displays on the Gallery walls near the Curio Cabinet.

Yoga at the Mendham Borough Library

Yoga classes will continue this spring with 8:30 am morning classes taught on Tuesdays and on Thursdays. The cost for either 7-week session is \$30; the cost for both is \$60. Drop-ins will be welcome (for a \$5 fee per class), but only at the start of the session if the "subscribed" participants do not attend. The Tuesday session will run from March 9 to April 27 and the Thursday session will run from March 11 to March 29. There will be no classes during the week of March 29. Sign ups start March 1 at the library or call 973 543-4152. Payments due at time of sign up.

Download Audio-Books Free from Library Checkout ListenNJNW.com!

Check out ListenNJNW to learn more about downloading free audio-books for your computer, Ipod, smart phone or other MP3 player. Just go to www. mendhamboroughlibrary.org and click on the Online Resources link at the top of the home page. Once at the ListenNJNW website, you will need to download the Overdrive Media Console software to borrow books for your audio device. Detailed instructions are available on the website and at the library.

Some books currently available: Jeffrey Archer's Paths of Glory, Stephen King's Quitters Inc., Debbie Macomber's 92 Pacific Boulevard, Shakespeare's Othello and Julius Ceasar, Kate Jacobs' The Friday Night Knitter's Club and Elie Wiesel's Night.



Searching for Audio Books and checking them out

Searching for a specific title or author? Just type the information into the search bar on the ListenNJNW home page. Just browsing? There are titles listed on the NJNW homepage in a variety of categories including New Arrivals, Always Available and Popular Titles.

Once you have found the book you want, click on the Book Jacket to view a description of the book and to find information on its availability (transfer to MP3 or burning to CD).

How many titles can be checked out at the same time?

You can have up to 5 titles checked out at one time. These titles remain on your account for the full borrowing period and cannot be returned early.

What happens once the 14 day lending period is over?

Once the lending period has elapsed, the title is automatically 'returned' to the library. Although the file(s) will remain on your machine, they will not be accessible and should be manually deleted from your portable device or computer.

Can I renew my items?

Your items cannot be renewed, but you can check them out again if they are available when your checkout expires. When you check out the title a second time, the license is reactivated. Simply click the 'Download' button at this website to download a new license. You do not need to download the title a second time if the file is still on your computer.

Donate Used DVDs to Library

You can donate your used DVDs and everyone in the community will be able to enjoy them. As a thank you for your donation, you'll receive a coupon for one free DVD rental. Please, no VHS tapes.

Interchurch Lent & Holy Week Services

Mid-Week Lenten Services will be held at Grace Lutheran Church, 65 East Main Street

March 3



in Mendham. Each week, services will be conducted by clergy from various Mendham churches. They will be accompanied by organist Margaret Erath. These services are coordinated by Carolyn Dunham.

Rev. Scott Hoogerhyde

| | St. Mark Episcopal Church |
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| March 10 | Sister Anne Therese Peach the Sisters of Christian Charity |
| March 17 | Father Joseph Anginoli of St. Joseph Church, RC |
| March 24 | Rev. Rolando Santiago Mendham United Methodist Church |
| March 31 | Sister Barbara Jean Packer the Community of St. John Baptist |

Good Friday Cross Walk

from St. Mark Episcopal Church to Grace Lutheran Church on April 2 at 1 pm

Easter Sunrise Service at Hilltop Presbyterian Church with Rev. Bob Heppenstall April 4 at 6:30 am



For more information about Mendham Borough events, activities, meetings and forms, visit www.mendhamnj.org.



Saturday, April 10

8 am to 10 am ~ Clean up at Mountain View Pond

Join the Mendham Borough Environmental Commission to celebrate Earth Day by restoring

the habitat at the Mountain View Pond and stream. The work party has jobs for all ages. Work gloves, shovels, rakes, wheelbarrows and loppers are helpful and recommended. For more information call Janis Slutsky at 973-543-4755 or email at IamJanis1@yahoo.com.

10:30 am - Turning Garbage into Gold: Deconstructing Composting Talk by Virginia Lamb at the Garabrant Center

Green waste from your yard and kitchen accounts for approximately 25% of the material hauled from your home each week. By composting, you can improve your soil for healthier lawns and gardens and reduce waste at the same time.



Come learn how to start your own compost pile. Gardener Virginia Lamb, New Jersey's foremost advocate for composting will teach the how's and why's of this earth-friendly practice. The Borough is also helping by making a composter, called the Earth Machine, available for purchase. It costs \$55 and must be pre-ordered by Friday, March 26. To register for the free workshop or to pre-order the Earth Machine composter send the form below to: Mendham Borough, 2 West Main St., Mendham, NJ 07945. Make checks payable to: Mendham Borough and write composter in the memo. For more information, contact Laurie Felber by email lorraine.felber@gmail.com or by phone at 973-543-0663.

| Earth Day Talk and Composter | | | |
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| Name: | | | |
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| Composter:Talk: | | | |

Mendham TV Presents the Second Annual Mendies!

Friday, March 5 at 7:30 pm Brookside Community Center

Join in Mendham's very own awards program sponsored by Mendham TV. The Mendies will feature a traditional red carpet walk, local awards (listed below), buffet dinner, drinks and dancing to Rob Trout and the Flounders.

Tickets are \$35 and are available at The Provident Bank, Somerset Hills Bank, Wicker Basket or the Brookside Post Office. Please note that last year's event was a near sellout. All proceeds go to Mendham TV, channel 22 on Verizon and channel 25 on Comcast. Awards will be presented for the third annual Mendham video contest, best store, bank, volunteer organization, street, performer and sports teams in the borough and township. We will also induct the 2010 Class of the Mendham Hall of Fame which includes recently retired Mendham High School teacher (and Service Club leader) Barbara Nutt, former Rutgers Athletic Director (and Borough Mayor) Bob Mulcahy, long-time township resident (and Christmas Tree Light guy) Robert Gerber, and the late Rich Morales, the former Mendham Police Officer and head of DARE, whose wife will accept the honor. They'll join Fred Backer, Fred Corona, Ray Woodhull and the late Ernie Maw in the Hall.

Don't miss out on this community-wide celebration of the Mendhams. And make sure to bring all of your friends for this big event

Mendham Borough Historical Society Meeting Tuesday, March 23 at 7:30 pm at the



Garabrant Center in Mendham

Following the business meeting, Dennis Piccirillo will be the guest speaker at 8 pm. He will talk about the use of the internet as a tool for genealogy research. Mr. Piccirillo has been a genealogy researcher since 1981. He is a Family History Center volunteer and a guest lecturer at the Community School in Mount Olive. He specializes in internet research in NJ, as well as other states. He also has expertise in genealogical research in Europe. The program is open to the general public. For more info, contact Charles Topping, President of the Society, at phoenixhouse@att.net.



Schiff Nature Preserve Update

Schiff Nature Preserve has so much to offer as we look forward to spring!

Our events for March are listed below and full descriptions are available at www.schiffnaturepreserve.org. Also on the website, you can find the details of our latest land acquisitions that added 67 new acres and a brief survey designed to help us develop new programs.

Our Nature Center is located at 339 Pleasant Valley Road and is open most weekdays from 9 am to 5 pm. Our trails are open daily from dawn to dusk. We hope to see you on the trails soon!

Homeschooler Spring Trimester ~ Birds Monday, March 8 from 12:45~2:30 pm: Owls

Health Hike for Adults
Thursday, March 11 at 9:15 am

Maple Sugaring at Schiff
Saturday, March 13 from 11 am~12:30 pm
OR from 1:30~3 pm (Rain date on Sunday, March 14)

Introduction to Permaculture Thursday, March 18 at 7 pm

HikeMendham! At Schiff Nature Preserve Friday, March 19 from 9:30-11:30 am

Volunteer! Garden Work Day Monday March 29 at 9:30 am

Spring Break Hikers
Tuesday, March 30 from 10 am-12 pm
OR from 12:30-2:30 pm
Wednesday, March 31 from 10 am-12 pm
OR from 12:30-2:30 pm

Antiques Show and Sale
West Morris Mendham High School
March 13 from 10 am to 5 pm
March 14, 11 am to 5 pm

Come to 29th Annual Art and Antique Show sponsored by the

Rotary Club of the Mendhams. The sale features over 35 dealers from four states, on premises glass repair by Wade M. Nulton and free appraisals by Mendham's Roger Flynn. Admission donation: \$6 (\$5 with ad/card). For further information, please visit our website at www.MendhamRotaryClub.org or call 973-895-5482.

Mendham Borough Board of Education News

March Meeting ~ Tuesday, March 23 April Meeting ~ Tuesday, April 27 7:30 pm in the Hilltop School Cafeteria

The school district administrators are working hard at the moment to put together a fiscally responsible budget; one that enables the schools to provide the high quality education you have come to expect for your children. State regulations permit school boards to hold public meetings to approve their final budgets from March 26 to April 3 only. However, because spring break for Mendham Borough schools and West Morris Mendham High School falls within those dates, many members of our community would be unable to attend any meeting held at that time. To allow the community a full understanding of the budget, we will presenting the proposed budget at the regular board meeting on Tuesday, March 23. We hope that you will be able to attend. This presentation is your opportunity to understand the complexities of the budget, to ask questions and to voice an opinion. A subsequent meeting will be scheduled, within the time frame determined by the state, to approve the final budget. Look for confirmation of that date on our district website at www.mendhamboro.org.

Mendham Senior News

Mendham Seniors meet the second and fourth Mondays each month at the Garabrant Center, Wilson Street, Mendham. Borough and Township residents 55 and over are welcome. For membership information call Althea Lowe 973-543-3861.

Upcoming Day Trips

Thursday, April 8 Visit Resorts Casino in Atlantic City, NJ.

*Thursday, April 29*Join in a "Mardi Gras

Festival" at Ehrhardt's Waterfront in Hawley, PA.

Saturday, June 5

Enjoy *Legally Blond—the Musical* at the Performing Arts Center in Newark, NJ. There will be dinner after the show at Vine Restaurant in Basking Ridge, NJ. The deadline for reservations is March 27.

Members and non-members are welcome on any of these trips. For further information call Anne Schmidt at 973-543-4787.

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Borough Calendar for March

Curbside Bulk Pickup

Mondays, March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

Recycle - Thursdays, March 11 & 25

Borough Council Meetings - at the Garabrant Center,

8 pm on Monday, March 1 and 15

Planning Board Meeting - at the Garabrant Center,

8 pm on Monday, March 8

Board of Adjustment - at the Garabrant Center,

7:30 pm on Tuesday, March 2

Environmental Commission - at the Phoenix House,

8 pm on Thursday, March 18

Recreation Commission - at the Phoenix House,

7:30 pm on Tuesday, March 9

Historic Commission - at the Phoenix House,

7:30 pm on Monday, March 15

Open Space Advisory Committee - at the Phoenix

House, 7 pm on Thursday, March 11

Borough Calendar for April

Curbside Bulk Pickup

Mondays, April 5, 12, 19 & 26

Recycle - Thursdays, April 8 & 22

Borough Council Meetings - at the Garabrant Center,

8 pm on Monday, April 5 and 19

Planning Board Meeting - at the Garabrant Center,

8 pm on Monday, April 12

Board of Adjustment - at the Garabrant Center,

7:30 pm on Tuesday, April 6

Environmental Commission - at the Phoenix House,

8 pm on Thursday, April 15

Recreation Commission - at the Phoenix House,

7:30 pm on Tuesday, April 13

Historic Commission at the Phoenix House,

7:30 pm on Monday, April 19

All meeting dates and times can be found on the Borough website, www.mendhamnj.org.