

# *The Mendham Messenger*

November 2009

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## Mayor's Update

Dear Residents and Business Owners:

Fall continues to be busy for all of us in many ways. Can Christmas really be less than two months away?

As we head into November, the Borough Council, along with Administrator Ellen Sandman, CFO Sue Giordano and all our department heads are working on the Borough's 2010 budget. In November and December, the council is planning at least two budget workshops to hear financial need presentations from department heads for the coming year. As has been the case over the last few years, we anticipate being down several tax points before we review individual programs. There has also been another significant increase to pension payments and an increase in the cost of health insurance for our employees. Please check our website for meeting dates and times.

At its October 15 meeting, the council introduced Ordinance #14-09, which would allow an expansion of our historic district to coincide with the National Register of Historic Places. The expansion would include five properties on Hampton Road, one on Bridge Street and one on East Main Street. Property owners have been notified and a public hearing on the ordinance is scheduled for the November 16 council meeting.

At the request of our planning board, the Borough Council will re-examine our sign ordinance. This issue has always required a sensitive balance to maintain the borough's historic charm while helping our businesses promote their goods and services.

Our health officer, Lucy Forgione, has been busy trying to finalize dates to administer H1N1 flu vaccinations. Tentative dates are set for early November at Mendham High School; please check our website at [www.mendhamnj.org](http://www.mendhamnj.org) for final details.

Plans are also underway to meet West Morris Regional High School officials to discuss 2010 joint funding for Mendham High's School resource officer. This arrangement has been a huge success for the school and the borough, and it is my hope that it can continue. More information will follow.

Department of Public Works Superintendent Ken O'Brien reports that the new brush pick up program has been highly successful. DPW crews have answered 500 calls from residents requesting brush pick up.

Please remember to vote this month for the candidate of your choice. Recent elections have proven that every vote counts. Please check your sample ballots for polling locations and hours.

Best wishes for a healthy and happy Thanksgiving.

*Sincerely,*

*Neil Henry*  
*Mayor*

## Garden Club News

Another productive summer is over for the Mendham Borough Garden Club. Did you see us on the Triangle working hard to make that area a showcase of color as you enter our borough? Perhaps you found the secret garden? The restoration of the Phoenix House has been a magical journey. Please stop in and enjoy the secret garden that our Borough treasures.

Our off-season meetings, held at the Garabrant Center at 10 am, will bring programs on various gardening topics to our members. Please mark your calendars now to join us on Tuesday, November 17 and December 1.

## Mendham Borough Board of Education

*Next Meeting ~ Tuesday, November 17*  
*7:30 pm in the Hilltop School Cafeteria*

The school district has been preparing for the NJQSAC, New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum. This state mandated evaluation and monitoring of all public school requires months of preparation every three years from our school administrators and staff. We hope to pass with flying colors.

Geometry and Chinese, two new programs added this year at Mountain View School, have been well received by both students and parents. Dr. Mussad, our curriculum director, is ensuring early and on-going monitoring of both courses.



Mendham Borough  
LIBRARY

# News from the Mendham Borough Library

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## Looks for Books

*A Holiday Fashion Show & Boutique  
to benefit  
the Mendham Borough Library*

*Thursday, December 3*

*7 pm at a lovely Mendham estate*

*Champagne & hors d'oeuvres  
Basket Auction*

*Tickets - \$45*

*On sale at Windswept &  
The Mendham Borough Library*

*Event sponsored by  
Windswept Boutique, Para L'Elle,  
Ecco Life, Courtside, Beryl's Belts,  
& Red Tops Jewelry.*

*Space limited – bring a friend and  
buy your tickets today!*



### Special Children's Programs for November

The following programs are free and for all ages but registration is requested.

#### Acorn Craft

Wednesday, November 18 at 3:15 pm

#### Thanksgiving Bingo

Friday, November 20 at 3:15 pm

#### Fun with Food ~ Decorate Turkey & Football Cookies

Tuesday, November 23 at 3:15 pm

### Holiday Programs for Kids

Read, or be read to, for at least two hours each week. Record your times at the library, take home a different prize each week and win tickets to enter our grand prize drawing on December 19. Sign ups begin November 30. For all ages – preschool to 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

November 30 - December 4 Win a Book  
December 5 - December 11 Mystery Prize  
December 12 - December 18 Movie Rental & Cocoa

Saturday, December 19: Grand Prize Drawing

5<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade students who participate will be entered in a special drawing for two gift certificates – one from I-tunes and one from Mendham Books.

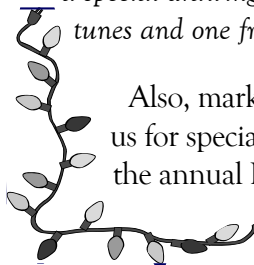
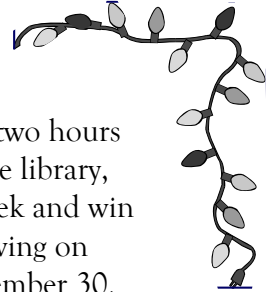
Also, mark December 5 on your calendar to join us for special crafts and cookie decorating during the annual Holly Trail between 11 am and 2 pm.

### The Fletcher Gallery & Curio Cabinet

Our gallery and curio cabinet will share a Mendham theme this month. In honor of Election Day, the cabinet will feature a shelf devoted to memorabilia on the 1906 Mendham water vote including the names of the voters and the vote envelope. It will also have several shelves devoted to Thanksgiving.

For Veteran's Day, the Gallery will showcase an annual tribute to Mendham's veterans compiled by Peggy Oswald of the Mendham Genealogy and History Society. In addition to news clippings and essays, the tribute includes a list of over 1,000 veterans who were born, lived or died in the Mendhams. The general public is invited to add information directly to the list or contact Peggy Oswald at Hank-O@compcast.net.

Do you have something you would like to share? The Fletcher Gallery is open starting in February 2010 – please contact the library if you are interested in setting up a display in this gallery.



## Keep your Eyes On the MBL: New Acquisitions



*The books and movies below are generally available on the date listed.  
Be the first to read them by pre-reserving them at the Mendham Borough Library.*

### **Books on order...**

<i>U is for Undertow</i>	Sue Grafton	12/1/2009
<i>La's Orchestra Saves the World</i>	A. McCall Smith	12/8/2009
<i>Sizzle</i>	Julie Garwood	12/29/2009
<i>The Honor of Spies</i>	W.E.B. Griffin	12/29/2009
<i>Remarkable Creatures</i>	Tracy Chevalier	1/5/2010
<i>Not My Daughter</i>	Barbara Delinsky	1/5/2010
<i>Doors Open</i>	Ian Rankin	1/15/2010
<i>Worst Case</i>	James Patterson	2/1/2010

### **Books**

<i>The Atlantis Code</i>	Charles Brokaw	11/10
<i>Bed of Roses</i>	Nora Roberts	11/24
<i>Breathless</i>	Dean R. Koontz	11/24
<i>Changing My Mind</i>	Zadie Smith	11/12
<i>The Crisis</i>	David Poyer	11/10
<i>Dear Old Love</i>	Andy Selsberg	11/15
<i>Ford County</i>	John Grisham	11/3
<i>The Fourth Part of the World</i>	Toby Lester	11/3
<i>A Friend of the Family</i>	Lauren Grodstein	11/10
<i>The Gift</i>	Cecelia Ahern	11/1
<i>A Good Fall: Stories</i>	Ha Jin	11/24
<i>Googled</i>	Ken Auletta	11/3
<i>Haiku: A Novel</i>	Andrew H. Vachss	11/3
<i>Here's the Deal: Don't Touch Me</i>	Howie Mandel	11/24
<i>Hollywood Moon</i>	Joseph Wambaugh	11/24
<i>The Humbling</i>	Philip Roth	11/2
<i>I, Alex Cross</i>	James Patterson	11/16
<i>Ice</i>	Linda Howard	11/10
<i>Kindred in Death</i>	J.D. Robb	11/3
<i>Knit the Season</i>	Kate Jacobs	11/3
<i>The Lacuna</i>	Barbara Kingsolver	11/1

<i>The Lineup</i>	Otto Penzler (ed.)	11/10
<i>London Boulevard</i>	Ken Bruen	11/24
<i>Matchless</i>	Gregory Maguire	11/1
<i>No Less Than Victory</i>	Jeff Shaara	11/3
<i>On Thin Ice</i>	Richard Ellis	11/17
<i>Open: An Autobiography</i>	Andre Agassi	11/9
<i>Paul McCartney</i>	Peter Carlin	11/3
<i>Pirate Latitudes</i>	Michael Crichton	11/24
<i>A Quilter's Holiday</i>	Jennifer Chiaverini	11/3
<i>Superfreakonomics</i>	Stephen Levitt	11/1
<i>Thank Heaven</i>	Leslie Caron	11/25
<i>Too Much Happiness</i>	Alice Munro	11/17
<i>Under the Dome</i>	Stephen King	11/10
<i>Why My Third Husband Will Be a Dog</i>	Lisa Scottoline	11/24
<i>Wishin' and Hopin'</i>	Wally Lamb	11/1
<i>The Wrecker</i>	Clive Cussler	11/17

### **DVDs**

<i>The Taking of Pelham 1 2 3</i>	11/3
<i>Up</i>	11/10
<i>The Ugly Truth</i>	11/10
<i>Star Trek</i>	11/17
<i>My Sister's Keeper</i>	11/17
<i>Angels &amp; Demons</i>	11/24

### **Audio-Books**

<i>A Change in Altitude</i>	Anita Shreve
<i>The Elegance of the Hedgehog</i>	Muriel Barbery
<i>Half Broke Horses</i>	Jeanette Walls
<i>Nine Dragons</i>	Michael Connelly
<i>True Compass</i>	Edward M. Kennedy

## Library use reaches all time high

The Borough Library saw its highest circulation ever in the month of July. We checked out 5016 books, movies, and other library materials; that's equal to every Mendham Borough resident borrowing one book apiece in the month of July. While the library has seen a steady increase in usage in the past year, July represented our biggest month yet. We hope our regular patrons keep coming in and would encourage non-regulars to come in and check out what we have to offer. In addition to books, magazines, and DVDs, we offer diverse programs for adults, teens and children. They range from yoga classes to kids' sing-a-longs – too

many to fit here in the Messenger. To see our complete list of events, please visit [www.mendhamboroughlibrary.org](http://www.mendhamboroughlibrary.org).

### **Evening Book Group**

Thursday, November 19 - *The Help* by Kathleen Stockett

### **Morning Book Group**

Friday, November 20 at 10 am -  
*Woman in White* by Wilkie Collins

### **Social Bridge**

Wednesdays from 10 am to 12 noon

*The Library will be closing early on Wednesday, November 25 and will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 26 and 27, for Thanksgiving.*

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## **Borough Calendar for November**

### **Curbside Bulk Pickup**

Mondays, November 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

**Recycle** - Thursdays, November 5 & 19

**Borough Council Meetings** - at the Garabrant Center,  
8 pm on Mondays, November 2 & 16

**Planning Board Meeting** - at the Garabrant Center,  
7:30 pm on Monday, November 9

**Board of Adjustment** - at the Garabrant Center,  
7:30 pm on Wednesday, November 4

**Historic Commission** - at the Phoenix House,  
7:30 pm on Monday, November 16

**Open Space Commission** - at the Phoenix House,  
7 pm on Thursday, November 12

**Environmental Commission** - at the Phoenix House,  
8 pm on Thursday, November 19

*Borough Offices are closed Wednesday, November 11 for  
Veteran's Day and Thursday and Friday, November 26 & 27  
for Thanksgiving.*

## **HSA Book Fair at Hilltop School**

The Mendham Borough Home School Association (HSA) Book Fair is scheduled for Tuesday, November 17 through Friday, November 20 in the Hilltop School gymnasium. The Book Fair will be open from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Tuesday through Friday. It will be open on

Thursday evening until 8 pm. Admission is free and the public is welcome. The Fair will include a wide variety of books for school-age children, adult books, books on tape, educational software, videos, activity kits and novelty items. Teachers' wish lists will be available for parents to donate books specially selected to enhance each classroom. All funds raised will be used by the HSA to support the cultural arts and other school programs. To volunteer, please contact Wendy Parrinello at [theparrinellos@gmail.com](mailto:theparrinellos@gmail.com).

## **Holiday Boutique**

**Saturday, November 21, 2009 from 9 am to 3:30 pm  
Brookside Community Club**

Crafts will include Christmas items, folk art, hand crocheted afghans and dog sweaters, jewelry, fashions to fit American Girl and Bitty Baby dolls, hand-knit wraps and scarves, children's tutus and baby items, pillows, aprons, table runners, purses, paintings, miniature scenes, chocolate, stationery, quilted and embroidered items and much more. In addition to crafts, the boutique will feature several home-based businesses including Longaberger Baskets, Gem'Ni Collection jewelry, and Social Graces, Inc. a wedding and party planning service. For more information about this event, please call Social Graces at 973-543-2145.