

Message From the Mayor:
September is National Preparedness Month



Dear Mendham Borough Residents:

Mendham Borough proudly joins FEMA's [Ready Campaign](#) in celebration of National Preparedness Month 2026. This year's theme—Americans Stand Ready—empowers individuals to take charge of their own readiness. Observed since 2004, National Preparedness Month encourages Americans to prepare for emergencies. The month is a great time to take small steps to make a big difference in being prepared – and to promote preparedness in your communities.

Throughout National Preparedness Month, FEMA's Ready Campaign will celebrate and encourage American resourcefulness by sharing simple, affordable steps to take to stand ready:

- **Make a plan.** for your household, including [your pets](#), so that you and your family know what to do, where to go and what you will need to protect yourselves during a disaster. Consider the unique risks where you live and the needs of your family. Know [where you'll go](#) if you need to leave your home and learn [your evacuation routes](#) so you can get there safely.
- **Be in the know.** Sign up for your community's warning system. Disasters can happen suddenly, so it's important to have multiple ways to get alerts. [Click Here](#) to sign up for the Mendham Borough Nixle emergency alert system.

- **Build a kit.** We know how to keep our loved ones safe when things go wrong, but do you have what you need to stay safe and comfortable until help arrives? You may think building a well-stocked emergency kit is difficult or expensive, but it doesn't need to be. You can gather supplies over time, starting with items you may already have at home like canned food and first aid supplies. Visit ready.gov/kit for a list of items to include and how to tailor your kit to meet your family's needs.

FEMA encourages everyone to celebrate National Preparedness Month this September by visiting Ready.gov for updated resources and to learn how to start their disaster preparedness journey. I encourage all Mendham Borough residents to take time this month to take simple steps now to be better prepared when an emergency occurs. Together, we can keep our community safe.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James R. Kelly". The ink is black and the signature is fluid and legible.

Mayor James “Jim” Kelly