



# THE MENDHAM MESSENGER



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The Borough of Mendham Community Newsletter

[mendhamnj.org](http://mendhamnj.org)

## Letter From the Mayor

### **Dear Mendham Borough residents and business owners,**

By now you have heard the news that I resigned my position as Mayor of Mendham Borough. I can't express enough how difficult a decision it was for me. I love this town and every sweet aspect about it. From waking up in the morning to seeing hawks in our white pine tree, to watching our fox family try to make friends with our pig, Miss Penny (sometimes I wondered if they weren't sizing her up for a feast). I have enjoyed every moment, from my childhood all the way throughout my Mayorship. Although we are not moving away it feels like the town will seem different to me going forward.

We as a community have been through so much during my stewardship. We came through the pandemic, where we lost friends and loved ones together. We saw some of our High School teams win championships, and we even got to watch a resident win gold in the Olympics. We added to our park land where we will see a beautiful arboretum grow over time. We watched our Mendham Senior Club grow in numbers and celebrate a milestone anniversary. And we rebuilt our crown jewel, the Phoenix House, for all to enjoy for generations to come.

There is just one job left for me to finish before I sign off...

### **Who's Who in Mendham**

I wouldn't be true to myself if I didn't end with what I love to do best, and that is to thank all of you. I've decided not to mention any names for fear of leaving someone out. This journey we are all on in our town would be nothing without the people that make it happen. Our town has always seemed like the author, Richard Scarry, used Mendham as inspiration to write *Busy Busy Town*, with each and every person playing a vital role. If you don't know the book, go to our amazing and caring Mendham Borough Library and ask their friendly staff.

I want to take these last few sentences to thank our Administrator and staff. You have been my extended family! You bring such dedication and caring to what you do every day and without all of you supporting my dreams for this town they would never have happened. Our Administrator came into this town from the Midwest and has truly made it her own. I will be forever grateful for your brilliance and thoughtfulness.

Our public safety teams, including our Police Department, First Aid Squad, and Fire Department, make this town whole. You all always go beyond the job and breathe life into what you do. You have always accepted me and opened your arms to whatever I asked, and I thank you for that. Your selfless

dedication will be tattooed on my heart forever. Please take care of yourselves the way you take care of our town.

To our Council and Committees: I know the whole of the town sees what I see in every person who steps up to assume a role in running our town. It takes a very special person who is willing to commit the time and risk angering people over difficult decisions they have to make during their terms. Just remember that what you contribute is greatly appreciated and is for the long term benefit of the town and its people.

I thank every single one of you who made positive and loving comments through Facebook, in emails and texts. I can tell you that this job has not always been easy, and at times has consumed my personal life, but your notes of gratitude have made every moment worth it. Unfortunately, I have been locked out of Facebook, yet again, for many months or I would have thanked you all for so many kind sentiments. For those that took the time to be gracious, I know that you really understand what it takes to make a town run as smoothly as it can. All of you are the people that stand up and take action. When a neighbor needs a meal or help with their mail, you are the first to step up. This is the true secret to a wonderful town! The people that add that secret ingredient – a small piece of your heart.

And finally, the most important people that made many sacrifices in order for me to rise to the Mayor's challenge. I thank my family: my husband and daughters, my mother and siblings. You have stood by me, come to events, helped ground me and remind me what I was doing all of this *for*. I was raised in this town by my parents, Pat and Lou Serrano (ok, I had to break my no name rule just this once) who had the foresight to see this town one time and know that it would become their "forever home." It wasn't until I became Mayor that I realized that the lessons of my childhood had prepared me for this job. All of the people that I remember taking on different roles in our community helped me to look back and use my memories of them and the efforts they made to make it more than just a *Busy Busy Town*, but a place to raise your family and continue to grow up yourself, no matter your age.

So I say for the last time, "until next time." I will not be in this column, but you will probably see me about town, or out in the yard chasing Miss Penny. Thank you all for the journey of a lifetime.

With immense gratitude,  
Christine Serrano Glassner

Save the Date!

**Fundraiser: Discussion with Mendham's Neil Cavuto**

**Thursday, April 10, 2025**

Meet Neil Cavuto for an interesting and informative discussion. Neil has lived in Mendham for 19 years with his family and recently retired from Fox News where he anchored three highly rated shows: "Your World," "Cavuto Live," and "Cavuto: Coast to Coast." Prior to his 28 years at Fox News, Mr.



Cavuto worked at CNBC, NBC News, PBS and ESPN. Join us to learn about our current world and support the library. Tickets can be purchased soon at the library or on our website.

Our Warmest Thanks

Again, we are incredibly grateful for all of the support you have given our library in the past year. Thank you to the following who also gave to our 2024 Annual Appeal:

Anthony Acevedo ♦ Scott and MC Brodhead ♦ Mark & Cecilia Decker ♦ George & Catherine Murphy ♦ Michael Wenning

**Company Matches:** ADP ♦ Rockefeller

Monthly Programs

**Yoga via Zoom**

*Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30 a.m.*

\$5 per class. Sign up by the month at the library.

**Social Bridge**

*Wednesdays, 10 a.m.*

For experienced players.

**Canasta**

*Thursdays, 10 a.m.*

For experienced players.

**In Stitches**

*Fridays, March 7, 21, 1 p.m.*

All levels welcome!

**Coloring Club**

*Monday, March 17, 6:30 p.m.*

Join us for a fun drink and creative coloring with friends!

**Book Club**

*Friday, March 28, 10 a.m.*

*My Brilliant Friend*  
by Elena Ferrante

March Adult Programs

**Pine Barrens of New Jersey**

*Wednesday, March 5, 6:30 p.m.*



Join local author Neil MacNeill as he takes us on a virtual trip through the Pine Barrens, with a close-up look at the history, myths, and reality of the wilderness next door.

**Take Me Out to the Ball Game: Stories from Yankee Stadium's Organ Player**

*Wednesday, March 19, 6:30 p.m.*

Ed Alstrom, the organist at Yankee Stadium since 2004, will share stories and music from Yankee Stadium. With plenty of fascinating stories, photos from the iconic stadium, and live keyboard organ playing, you'll be transported through the past 20 years of Yankees history!



**Adult Crafting Club: Pressed Flower Jars**

*Wednesday, March 19, 1:00 p.m.*



Learn how to make your own colorful pressed flower jars. You can store your favorite treasures in them, make beautiful spring decor, or use them as lanterns for your spring table setting outdoors!

Fletcher Gallery

Our March gallery will feature the work of Hilltop Elementary Students, grades K through 4, under the direction of art teacher Jean Na. Stop by to see the amazing display from young artists in our community!

Did You Know?

The Mendham Borough Library offers great toddler programs on Monday and Friday mornings. Please join us on Mondays at 10:30 a.m. for our Sing-A-Long program and on Fridays at 10:30 a.m. for Babies and Books. Children from birth to age 4 are welcome to attend both of these fun early literacy programs for songs, books, finger plays, and connecting with friends.



**Please register for all programs at [www.mendhamboroughlibrary.org](http://www.mendhamboroughlibrary.org).**

## March Children's Programs

### **Toddler Sing-Along**

*Mondays, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 10:30 a.m.*

Sing fun songs with us!

### **Babies and Books**

*Fridays, March 7, 14, 21, 28, 10:30 a.m.*

Join us for a story, nursery rhyme, poems, and playtime!

### **Meet the First Aid Squad**

*Saturday, March 8, 11:00 a.m.*

*24 East Main Street*

Join us as we visit with Mendham's First aid squad. Hear a story, explore the ambulance, and enjoy a slice of pizza with our local heroes. Families are welcome.

### **St. Patrick's Day Fun (all ages)**

*Wednesday, March 12, 3:30 p.m.*

Celebrate this fun holiday with a story and a craft.



### TAG (Teen Advisory Group)



#### **DYO Pennants**

Ages 12+

*Thursday, March 20,  
6:00 p.m.*

Design your own pennant or bunting to hang in your room!



### **Stuffed Sleepover**

*Wednesday, March 19–Thursday, March 20*



Drop off a stuffed friend to have a fun and silly time at the Library. Stuffed animal "permission slips" will be available at our Circulation Desk

during drop off. Please drop off your animal on March 19th before 5:30pm! Pick up will be on March 20th.

Be sure to follow their wild antics on our Instagram and Facebook pages.

### **Finger Knit Bracelets (7+)**

*Tuesday, March 26, 3:30 p.m.*

Make your own bracelet or two while learning a fun easy knitting technique.



### Coming Up

**Pom-Pom Chicks and Bunnies (7+)—**

Tuesday, April 8, 3:30 p.m.

**Fundraiser Discussion featuring Neil Cavuto—**

Thursday, April 10, time TBD

**Mansion in May 2025, History of Wildfair—**

Wednesday, April 23, 6:30 p.m.

**"Knuffle Bunny" Storytime—**Wednesday, April 30, 3:30 p.m.

**Piece of My Heart Craft (5+)—**Thursday, May 9, 3:30 p.m.

## From Mendham Boro Recreation



### **Mendham Boro Summer Day Camp registration opens April 1, 2025**

Save the date to register for Mendham Boro Summer Day Camp! As we soon welcome registration for our 2025 camp season beginning April 1, we

want to spread the word on a few special events this season. Get ready for water slides, an inflatable obstacle course, a reptile show, and more! Stay tuned for more details and don't miss out!

## From the Shade Tree Commission

### **Annual Tree City USA Tree Planting Program**

Every Spring and Fall, the Borough's Shade Tree Commission, as part of its Tree City USA Program, plants about 15 to 20, 2.5" caliper shade trees.

The Shade Tree Commission's goal is to involve the community in the Tree City USA tree planting program and better our environment by



providing a tree canopy and keeping Mendham's beautiful streets tree-lined.

Working with property owners, the Commission picks locations that are in the Borough right-of-way or up to 10 feet back from the right-of-way within a property owner's front or side yard that lines the street.

If you would like a tree please email Deborah Holly at [dpw@mendhamnj.org](mailto:dpw@mendhamnj.org).

- ◆ All trees are choice specimens and perfectly placed.
- ◆ The trees are planted, staked, mulched, and trunks deer-proofed by the Borough's Department of Public Works.
- ◆ If a tree is placed on your property or in front of your house in the ROW please look out for it:
  - ◆ Please give it water during dry spells and even some free wood chips for the asking from the Borough DPW.
  - ◆ Please do not weed whack the trunk and keep dogs and trash cans away.



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### Borough Events in March, 2025

**Borough Meetings:** held at the Garabrant Center unless otherwise indicated.

**Council Meeting:** 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 12;  
7 p.m. Monday, March 24

**ECOSST:** 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 3

**Joint Land Use Board:** 7:30 p.m. Tuesday,  
March 18

**Board of Health:** 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 20

**Recreation Committee:** 7:30 p.m. Thursday,  
March 20

**Historic Preservation Commission:** 7:30 p.m.  
Monday, March 17

**Recycling:** Thursdays, March 6, 13, 20, 27

**Curbside Bulk Pickup:** Mondays, March 3, 10, 17,  
24, 31

**Borough Schools Board of Education:**

7:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 18; Hilltop  
Elementary School Cafeteria

### From Schiff Nature Preserve

#### **Schiff Wants Your Opinion**

Schiff Nature Preserve, with nearly 800 acres of preserved open space and nature oriented programs for all ages, seeks input from Mendham Borough residents. You can complete this confidential survey in 5 minutes or less and help this important nonprofit in our community with their strategic planning. We had a problem with the QR code last month, but we would still love your input! Thank you!



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