



Letter From the Mayor

Dear Mendham Borough residents and business owners,

My name is James Kelly. Many of you know me or know of me. I was born April 19th, 1960. I hit life's lottery and was brought home to Mendham Borough. It is where I grew up with my 5 brothers and sisters at 72 East Main Street, went to school, and started working for DF O'Keefe and Son Plumbing and Heating. I had a lot of fun, got in a lot of trouble, and made lifelong friends. It is where I started a plumbing, heating and cooling business. It is where my wife Frederica and I raised our two children, Kate and Connor. It is where we call home.

I was appointed Mayor of Mendham in March 2025 after Mayor Serrano Glassner was offered the opportunity of a lifetime to go to Washington DC to work in the White House. I can't blame her for going, but I miss her dearly. As I get my footing in this new role, my first order is to help our incredible staff move from the cozy, but cramped, Bowers Building back into the newly renovated Phoenix House. Mayor Glassner and our Borough's Administrator Joyce Bushman secured historic funding grants to make this project possible.

I want to utilize and implement more of the technology that Mayor Glassner integrated into the Borough. We also need to improve and upgrade some other not-so-glamorous structures and properties like our DPW building on Ironia Road. The main building is long overdue for improvements to office space, staff facilities, mechanics bays, storage, and more than ONE bathroom so that the women and men have separate facilities. Our Police Department needs a new HVAC system that has been a costly problem for many years and would be foolish for us to keep doing what was done in the past by making constant expensive repairs. I could go on, but I do know we cannot continue to neglect our valuable infrastructure. It just ends up costing twice as much by ignoring it.

And of course, we need to manage our affordable/high-density housing obligation mandated by the State of New Jersey, an issue we have all been saddled with by higher levels of government. I have a hard time

understanding why anyone would want to do this to our small town and our neighbors and their neighbors. It is also bringing out some sides of people that are unbecoming of the town I thought I knew. In my 65 years in Mendham, I have seen so many changes and developments to the farms where we worked and the woods where we played. They became the places where we shop and go to church or school; they became the houses, condos, and senior housing we live in. It was painful to watch memories get bulldozed, burned down, and erased, but despite those changes, we still call Mendham home. I, like most people, do not like change, but I understand it is a basic fact of life. We hope to manage future changes with the least amount of damage. I believe my hometown of Mendham and all the people who call this home will get through whatever comes our way.

"Work without Hope"

by Samuel Taylor Coleridge

*All Nature seems at work. Slugs leave their lair—
The bees are stirring—birds are on the wing—
And Winter slumbering in the open air,
Wears on his smiling face a dream of Spring!
And I the while, the sole unbusy thing,
Nor honey make, nor pair, nor build, nor sing.*

*Yet well I ken the banks where amaranths blow,
Have traced the fount whence streams of nectar flow.
Bloom, O ye amaranths! bloom for whom ye may,
For me ye bloom not! Glide, rich streams, away!
With lips unbrightened, wreathless brow, I stroll:
And would you learn the spells that drowse my soul?
Work without Hope draws nectar in a sieve,
And Hope without an object cannot live.*

Your Mayor,
James Robb Kelly

Join Us!

Discussion with Mendham’s Neil Cavuto and Library Fundraiser

Thursday, April 10, 2025

Support the library and attend this event with Neil Cavuto as he explores “Why Words Matter, and Reading Them Matters More.” In a world of rapid headlines and fleeting soundbites, Cavuto will delve into the importance of thoughtful communication, informed perspectives, and the lasting impact of truly engaging with the written word. Don’t miss the opportunity to gain valuable insights from this respected voice in news and media. Neil has lived in Mendham for 19 years with his family and recently retired from Fox News where he anchored three highly rated shows, “Cavuto Live,” “Your World,” and “Cavuto: Coast to Coast.” Prior to his 28



years at Fox News, Mr. Cavuto worked at CNBC, NBC News, PBS, and ESPN. The event will be held at Hilltop House, 14 Hilltop Road, Mendham, NJ. Tickets cost \$50 each and can be purchased by clicking on the QR Code, at the library, or on our website.



April Adult Programs

Mansion in May 2025: History of Wildfair

Wednesday, April 16, 6:30 p.m.

Join local historian Barry Thomson for a sneak peek into Wildfair, the stunning Chester estate selected as this year’s Mansion in May. Barry will share the rich history of Wildfair’s origins extending over 220 years from a thriving farm, gristmill,



sawmill and millstone workshop. Mansion in May raises funds for the Women’s Association for Morristown Memorial Center.

Tech Pain Relief: Expert Tips from Local Physical Therapist & Chiropractor

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

Dr. Dave from Physis Physical Therapy & Dr. Dindinger from Riverwalk Chiropractic in Basking Ridge will share expert



advice on preventing and managing technology-related pain. Learn how simple exercises, stretches, and ergonomic adjustments can relieve discomfort and improve mobility.

Adult Crafting Club: Mosaic Flower Pots

Wednesday, April 23, 1:00 p.m.



Join us as we create fun and colorful mosaic tile designs on terracotta planter pots.

Save the Date! Wine Tasting at the Mendham Borough Library

Friday, May 30, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars to join us to sample delightful wines with 56 Degree Wines of Bernardsville. Support our library while gathering with friends and neighbors at our wine tasting! Tickets will be available for purchase online and at the library soon.

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, April 4, 25, 1 p.m.

All levels welcome!

Coloring Club

Monday, April 21, 6:30 p.m.

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

Book Club

Friday, April 25, 10 a.m.

Atonement

By Ian McEwan

Did You Know?

The Mendham Borough Library needs more Friends! Join the Friends of the Library to help us with a variety of events throughout the year. Our amazing Friends assist with fundraising events which are vital to the Library; plan and facilitate appreciation events for library staff and volunteers; and promote and build community awareness about the Library’s many services. Our Friends meet several times a year and are truly a gift to our Library. If you are interested in becoming a Friend, please send an email to us at circ-mnb@mainlib.org.



Please register for all programs at www.mendhamboroughlibrary.org.

April Children's Programs

Toddler Sing-Along

Mondays, April 7, 14, 21, 28, 10:30 a.m.



Sing fun songs with us!

Babies and Books

Fridays, April 4, 11, 25 (Closed April 18), 10:30 a.m.

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

Pom-Pom Chicks and Bunnies (7+)

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

Make your own pom-poms by hand then turn them into an adorable bunny or chick.



Mini Watering Cans (5+)

Wednesday, April 16, 3:30 p.m.

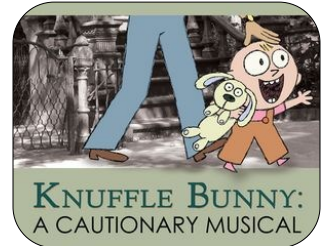


Paint your own mini watering can to bring home with the help of spring stencils.

"Knuffle Bunny" Storytime

Wednesday, April 30, 3:30 p.m.

Join us for a Knuffle bunny story and craft. All attendees will be entered into a drawing to win 2 tickets (1 adult/1 child) to "Knuffle Bunny: A Cautionary Musical" at The Growing Stage!



TAG (Teen Advisory Group)

Career Exploration for Teens
Suggested for ages 10-14, however older students are welcome.

Thursday, April 24, 5:30 p.m.

Ever wonder what you want to be when you grow up? Join us and experts as we explore interests and passions and what paths might work for you!

Coming Up

Piece of My Heart Craft (5+)—Tues., May 6, 3:30 p.m.

A Bob Bush Exceptional Program: Sojourner Truth with Dr. Daisy Century—Wed., May 7, 6:30 p.m.

Donut Decorating with Duck Donuts (4+)—
Tues., May 13, 3:30 p.m.

Art in the Park: Wildflower Paint & Sip—
Wed., May 21, 5:00 p.m.

Teen Mini Book Nooks (10+)—Thurs., May 22, 6:00 p.m.

Wine Tasting Fundraiser—Fri., May 30, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Amazing Adaptations Featuring Live Animals! (family event)
—Wednesday, June 4

Mendham Borough Library will be closed on Friday, April 18.

From Mendham Boro Recreation

Mendham Borough Summer Day Camp registration opens on April 1, 2025!



The Mendham Borough Summer Day Camp is back in 2025! As we welcome registration for our 2025 camp season beginning April 1, we also want to spread the word on a few changes introduced this year.

First, get ready for Firetruck

Thursdays as the Mendham Borough Fire Department is back this year doing spray-overs every Thursday of camp

(availability permitting). Enjoy special events including water slides, an inflatable obstacle course, and reptile show!

Mendham Day Camp welcomes school-aged children, who will be enrolled in kindergarten through 6th grade for the 2025-2026 school year. Our day starts at 9:00 am and ends at 12:30 pm. It starts the camper's day off right and leaves plenty of time for other summertime activities! For more information and to see pricing, go to: <http://www.mendhamdaycamp.com/>.

Borough Events in April, 2025

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

Council Meeting: 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 9;
7 p.m. Monday, April 28

ECOSST: 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 7

Joint Land Use Board: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday,
April 15

Board of Health: 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 17

Recreation Committee: 7:30 p.m. Thursday,
April 17

Historic Preservation Commission: 7:30 p.m.
Monday, April 21

Recycling: Thursdays, April 3, 10, 17, 24

Curbside Bulk Pickup: Mondays, April 7, 14,
21, 28

Borough Schools Board of Education:
7:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 29; Hilltop Elementary
School Cafeteria

Bernards Township Health Department



Vaccines for the Homebound *Available in Mendham Borough*

A Nurse will bring the vaccine and administer it to you at your home.

If you or someone you know is homebound, call Patty Pane, RN, BSN at
(908) 204-3068.

