

The Mendham Messenger

May 2022

Mayor's Update

Dear Mendham Borough residents and business owners,

May is here and this month promises to bring some warm weather and spring activities. We have a lot going on in town over the next month. Let me get you caught up.

Road Work

Who's ready for Main Street to be paved! I know we are ALL ready for a smoother drive. Right now Morris County has our Main Street scheduled for paving late spring or early summer. As a reminder we have had to wait for this road to be paved because when NJ American Water replaces the pipes the trench that is left behind needs months to settle. If the road were paved too soon, we could be left with settling after the fact, which would leave potential for divots and an uneven road until it is paved again years from now. In addition to Main Street, NJ Jersey American Water has begun the next phase of pipe replacement, which is taking place on Florie Farm Road, Hoffman Road and Bowers Drive. Paving will follow later this summer on these streets: Florie Farm, a portion of Cherry Lane, Mountainside Road from Mountain Avenue to the Scott Farm property. Please be ready for detours.

Happenings About Town

Get your fishing rods out, anglers, because the annual Mendham Borough Police Fishing Frenzy is on! Come on down to the Mountain Valley Pond on Sunday, May 8 from 10 am to 1 pm. Every year our young fishing enthusiasts are treated to a fully stocked pond and opportunity to win a prize for the biggest fish caught. Rain or shine our Police Department along with many additional volunteers will be handing out hot dogs and baiting hooks. Join us for some family fun and no pressure fishing. Remember, fishing is for those under 16 years of age; please register upon arrival.

As a side note, the Mountain Valley Park was the lower portion of a farm owned by Pietro Clemente. Mr. Clemente donated this portion of his property to the Borough in the 1940's. Later when the remainder of his property was developed, Florie Farm Road was named after a combination of the fact that it was

once a farm and that Florie was the name of his significant other.

May 4 is the first day that the new plastic bag law goes into effect in New Jersey. Remember to keep your reusables in your car.

Mendham Day Camp is now open for registration for campers. All the information you need can be found at www.mendhamdaycamp.com.

Who's Who in Mendham

Since Sunday, May 8 is Mother's Day, I want to acknowledge all that our Moms in town do for our families and community, including school support, gardens, health and sport needs, and every aspect of our lives. I want to take a moment to thank my own Mother, Pat Serrano. Pat, with her husband Lou, moved their growing family here to Mendham in 1965. Her contributions to our town included all that I mentioned above and more. In addition to the endless volunteering, Pat owned Serrano Travel, located on Main Street for 27 years. She was one of the founders of the Mendham Business Association, and is still very active with the group today. She is an avid attendee of our senior club and also sits on our Veterans Banner Committee. I would never reveal this lady's age, but in August Pat will be celebrating her granite birthday anniversary. Pat likes to say it will be the 40th anniversary of her 50th birthday. If you see Pat around town in August feel free to wish her a happy birthday. Happy Mother's Day, Mom.

Coming up

Join our Spring in Bloom photo contest. Take a picture of your favorite spring spot or scene in Mendham Borough. Send your photo to our email address recreation@mendhamnj.org by Friday, May 27. Look for the winning photo or photos on our website the following week. The winning pictures will be selected by our Recreation Committee.

Next month be on the lookout for a listing of our summer fun. Until then Mendham, stay healthy!

Sincerely yours,

Christine Serrano Glassner, Mayor

A Fond Farewell and a Warm Welcome

After eight years of service, Jan Perrier announced her retirement as Director of the Borough Library. Jan has been an integral part of the library and the community here in Mendham Borough. During Jan's tenure, she created a vast digital collection, a new website, the puzzle program, an outreach program with the residents of MASH, and updated our historic building. In her retirement, Jan plans to spend more time with her grandchildren, bike with her husband and friends, garden, and relax. Jan has been a wonderful Director and dear friend to many in town. We will miss Jan and wish her the best in her retirement.

As Jan leaves, we welcome Trish Hall as the new Director of the library. Trish and her family have lived in Mendham Borough for over 20 years. Trish brings with her over 10 years of library experience, previously working at the Mendham Township Library. She looks forward to learning more about the Borough Library's trends and reconnecting with friends and neighbors.



L to R: Trish Hall, Jan Perrier

May Adult Programs

Virtual Author Talk & Meditation: Anusha Wijeyakumar

Wednesday, May 4; 6 pm on Zoom.

Registration required.

Author, Contributing Editor at Yoga Journal, Wellness Consultant for HOAG Hospital, and Meditation Expert Anusha Wijeyakumar MA will lead us in a Live Virtual Meditation and read from her book *Meditation with Intention* along with answering any questions participants may have on meditation and its benefits. Sign up through our website or social media pages.

Monthly Adult Book Club At the Library

Friday, May 20; 10 am:

The Reading List by Sara Nisha Adams

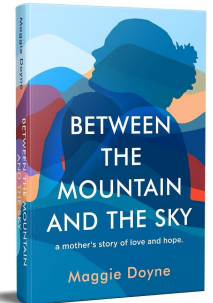
Friday, June 24; 10 am:

The Personal Librarian by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray

Book Club Discussion with Maggie Doyne

Wednesday, May 11; 7 pm at Hilltop House

Please join us for an evening with Maggie Doyne (Mendham High School graduate and CNN Hero of the Year 2015) discussing her memoir, "Between the Mountain and the Sky" detailing her heartwarming journey in Nepal opening a children's home, school and women's center. Come with questions. Books will be available to purchase. Please register to attend this event on our website, or call the library.



May Children's Programs

We're back inside the Library!

Read to a Dog

Mondays, May 9, 23; 3:30 pm. Registration Required

We are so excited to welcome back our therapy dogs. Sign-ups are on our website or social media pages. Also please remember to bring a book or two to read to the puppies.

My Grown-up & Me Meditation

Wednesday, May 11; 6-7 pm. Registration Required.

Caregiver(s) and Child(ren) ages 5-9. Limited to 6 families.

The goal of this class is to teach caregivers and children how to utilize breathing and meditation techniques as a form of self-regulation, coping skills, sound healing, and self-care. It's also a beautiful space for caregivers and children to bond and share such an experience, and a great opportunity to meet other caregivers and peers.

Please bring water and a yoga mat for this program.

Comic Book Creation Workshop

Tuesday, May 17; 6-7:30 pm. Registration Required.

Ages 10+ Limit 15 spots.

Comic book writer/artist Doug Baron will teach students how to create their own comic books!

Toddler Sing-Along

Mondays, May 2, 9, 16, 23; 10:30 am

Crafternoon at Home & Crafts-To-Go

Pick up a craft kit at the Library (at the desk or through Curbside service).

New Adult Fiction and Non-Fiction Books

Fiction

<i>A Relative Murder</i>	Deveraux, Jude
<i>A Safe House</i>	Woods, Stuart
<i>A Sunlit Weapon</i>	Winspear, Jacqueline
<i>Beyond Honey</i>	Monahan, Tierney
<i>The Candy House</i>	Egan, Jennifer
<i>Citizen K-9</i>	Rosenfelt, David
<i>The Club</i>	Lloyd, Ellery
<i>Dark Horse</i>	Hurwitz, Gregg
<i>Dead By Dawn</i>	Diron, Paul
<i>The Diamond Eye</i>	Quinn, Kate
<i>Fear Thy Neighbor</i>	Michaels, Fern
<i>French Braid</i>	Tyler, Anne
<i>One Italian Summer</i>	Serle, Rebecca
<i>Kingdom of Bones</i>	Rollins, James
<i>Lightning Strike</i>	Krueger, William Kent
<i>The Long Weekend</i>	Macmillan, Gilly

<i>The Missing Piece</i>	Lescroart, John
<i>One Damn Thing After Another</i>	Barr, William P.
<i>The Recovery Agent</i>	Evanovich, Janet
<i>The Shop on Royal Street</i>	White, Karen
<i>Sister Stardust</i>	Green, Jane
<i>What Happened to the Bennetts</i>	Scottoline, Lisa

Non-Fiction

<i>Becoming a U.S. Citizen</i>	Bray, Ilona J.D.
<i>Between the Mountain and the Sky</i>	Doyne, Maggie
<i>Bitter-sweet</i>	Cain, Susan
<i>Business Etiquette</i>	Rayborn, Tim
<i>From Strength to Strength</i>	Brooks, Arthur C.
<i>Lessons From the Edge</i>	Yovanovitch, Marie
<i>Life Force</i>	Robbins, Tony
<i>Road Trip: The Sports Lover's Travel Guide</i>	Iannucci, Lisa
<i>The Breast Cancer Book</i>	Miller, Kenneth MD

Audio Books on CD

<i>The Investigator</i>	Sandford, John
<i>The Missing Piece</i>	Lescroart, John

<i>What Happened to the Bennetts</i>	Scottoline, Lisa
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Mountain View Middle School Earns Unprecedented National Recognition

Aimee Toth, Principal

For an unmatched fourth time, Mountain View Middle School has been redesignated as a New Jersey School to Watch, making the school the longest-standing New Jersey School to Watch and the only to earn four redesignations. Launched by the National Forum to Accelerate Middle-Grades Reform in 1999, Schools to Watch is a national recognition. The Forum believes that high-performing middle-grades schools promote academic excellence, are developmentally responsive,

value social equity, and have organizational structures that support students and staff.

Mountain View's School to Watch designation dates back to 2008. The application process involves both a written narrative and site visit, conducted by the Schools to Watch state coordinators, current/retired administrators, and faculty representing other designated schools. Redesignated schools have the additional challenge of addressing recommendations for growth from prior site visits and developing an action plan for continued future growth.



Superintendent of Schools Dr. Mitzi Morillo noted, "There is no greater evidence of success than to expect continuous improvement built upon excellence in order to retain the designation."

To learn more about New Jersey Schools to Watch and the National Forum, visit <https://sites.google.com/view/njschoolstowatch>.

The Library will be closed on Saturday, May 28 and Monday, May 30 for Memorial Day Weekend.



Borough Calendar for May 2022

Recycling: Thursdays May 5, 12, 19, 26

Curbside Bulk Pickup: Mondays May 2, 9, 16, 23,
Tuesday May 31

Borough Meetings: at the Garabrant Center unless
otherwise indicated.

Council: 7pm Wednesday, May 11;

7pm Monday, May 23

Board of Health: 7pm Wednesday, May 4

Historic Preservation Commission:

7:30pm Monday, May 16

Joint Land Use Board Meeting:

7:30pm Tuesday, May 17

Recreation Meeting:

7:30pm Tuesday, May 19

ECOSST: 7:30pm Monday, May 2

Boro Schools Board of Education:

7pm Tuesday, May 10, 24;

Hilltop School Cafeteria

EMS Week in May

In 1974, President Gerald Ford authorized EMS Week to celebrate EMS practitioners and the important work they do in our nation's communities. This year, May 15-22 is the 47th National EMS week.

Thank you to the **Mendham First Aid Squad** members who respond, support, and care for our residents, and are dedicated to the health and safety of our town. Remember to check the Mendham First Aid Facebook page during EMS week to "Meet the Squad!"

