



## Letter From the Mayor

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

Earthquakes, flooding rains, and solar eclipses – we finally made it to May! Hopefully this flurry of nature will give way to a beautiful, color-filled Spring.

### **Police Department Renewal of Accreditation**

I hope you will all join me in congratulating our Police Department for again successfully completing their re-accreditation process. The Accreditation is a program run by the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police. Re-accreditation is required every 3 years and is an important undertaking that makes certain our Police Department is operating in a manner that is consistent with the NJSACOP’s recommendations. According to NJSACOP, “Accreditation is a progressive and time-proven method of assisting law enforcement agencies to calculate and improve their overall performance.” There are many operational benefits for a Department to be accredited, including opportunities for savings through our insurance plan. Completing the process takes organization and dedication by our officers, for which we are very grateful. Well done Chief and our MBPD!

### **Noise Complaints on a Sunday**

With our beautiful Spring weather returning, I’m sure some of you are spending more time outside working on your lawns and property. It’s great to take a walk through the neighborhoods and see the pride our residents take in keeping their homes and properties looking good.

Recently, I have had some residents ask me about the use of power equipment on a Sunday. According to our local noise code, Sundays are off-limits for any contractor to perform construction work or use power equipment. Homeowners are permitted to do work on their own properties on a Sunday. It’s understandable that if you work away from your home all week you may only have the weekend to tackle yard work. Before starting that marathon weekend-warrior session, perhaps keep your neighbors in mind and give them and yourself a break on Sunday. Try to get your blower work done on Saturday and opt for the rake if you are still going at it on Sunday. Thanks all for your neighborly consideration!

### **Neighbor Alert – Be Aware of Illicit Contractors**

With Spring comes all sorts of contractors looking to grow their businesses in towns like Mendham. Not all contractors live up to their promises or expectations.

Have you ever had a contractor come to your door looking for work? They may tell you that they can see there is a problem with your driveway or your foundation. They may tell you that they just finished work on your neighbor’s property and they happen to have the time, labor, and materials on hand and can offer you a special discount. Don’t be taken in by the unknown! Just because it may seem like the easy path, do your homework. Before you engage a contractor follow these simple guidelines from the New Jersey Department of Consumer Affairs:

- ◆ Get written estimates from at least 3 contractors so you can compare and get the best price and highest quality service
- ◆ NJ Law states that any contract over \$500 must be in writing and must include:
  - ◆ name and business address of contractor
  - ◆ description of job and total cost
  - ◆ start and finish date of project
  - ◆ the contractor’s registration number
  - ◆ and always remember to get a copy of the contractor’s general liability insurance policy number and phone number for the insurance company
- ◆ Do not pay for the entire job up front
- ◆ Get references from the contractor and call them, even go see the work
- ◆ Make sure any warranties or guarantees are in writing
- ◆ Are any local construction permits required, and who will apply for those

Bottom line with hiring a contractor, especially if it is unsolicited: if it looks too good to be true, it probably is.

### **Coming Up...**

Get your fishing poles out! The annual Mendham Borough Police Department sponsored “Fishing Frenzy” will take place Saturday, May 5. This fishy event is for anglers under 16 years old. All other fisher-people must be licensed by the state.

Reminder that our Phoenix House offices have temporarily moved to the Bowers Building while construction is underway.

That’s all for this Messenger! Enjoy our beautiful Spring weather!

Sincerely yours,  
Christine Serrano Glassner, Mayor

## You Are Invited!



Please attend the Grand Opening of our new Outdoor Learning Center on Thursday, May 9th from 7:00-8:00 p.m. All

are welcome to raise a glass and celebrate our beautiful new outdoor space. Please register online to let us know that you are planning to attend.

We welcome you to **enjoy our new Outdoor Learning Center**. We have tables and chairs near the parking lot for you to sit, relax, have a meeting, chat with friends, enjoy a cup of coffee, wait for your children, or read a good book. The only time the space is not available is when there is a "Reserved for Library Use" sign which indicates that we plan to use the space for a library event or meeting.

## May Adult Programs

### **Youth Mental Health Training for Adults**

**Thursday, May 30, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**

Sign up to learn how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among youth. Presented by the Mental Health Association of New Jersey.

## 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, May 3, 17 and 31, 1 p.m.**

All levels welcome!

### **Coloring Club**

**Monday, May 20, 6:30 p.m.**

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

### **Book Club**

**Friday, May 24, 10 a.m.**

*Quiet*

by Susan Cain

## **Butterfly Basics**

**Wednesday, May 8, 6:30 p.m.**

Naturalist Rich Hoffman will explore the beauty and



wonders of butterflies with us. This educational program will include seeing butterflies up close and learning all about this fascinating insect! All

ages are welcome to enjoy this family friendly program.

## **WWII: Escape from Behind Enemy Lines**

**Wednesday, May 15, 7:00 p.m.**

With Memorial Day

approaching, join

historian Rick

Feingold as he

dives into a

detailed history of

World War II from the perspective of a B17 navigator who

was shot down over occupied France. Unpack a treasure

trove of history with Rick as we gather to remember our

fallen by sharing their brave stories.



## **Mendham Borough Library will be Closed on Saturday, May 25 and Monday, May 27.**

Happy Memorial Day everyone!

## Fletcher Gallery

The Fletcher Gallery in May will feature artwork from West Morris Mendham Regional High School students, displayed by art teacher Mr. Michael Wolf.

## Did You Know?

Relaxation is key. On display in May we will present books that will help you relax, unwind, de-stress, renew and refresh. Stop by and pick out a title or two and begin your next journey.

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

## May Children's Programs

### **Toddler Sing-Along**

*Mondays, May 6, 13, 20 (closed May 27), 10:30 a.m.*

Sing some fun songs with us!

### **Babies and Books**

*Fridays, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 10:30 a.m.*

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

### **Flower Origami (7+)**

*Thursday, May 9, 3:30 p.m.*

Learn how to make beautiful paper flowers.



### **Money Jars (5+)**

*Wednesday, May 15, 3:45 p.m.*

Learn about ways we can earn and save up for things we really want as we paint and decorate our own Money Jar Banks.

### **Nature Sensory Bag Sun Catchers**

*Wednesday, May 29, 3:30 p.m.*

Outside in our new space!

Go on a quick scavenger hunt to find the perfect pieces, then create your own unique sun catcher sensory bag to bring home and enjoy.



### **TAG (Teen Advisory Group)**



### **Teen Cookie Decorating (12+)**

*Thursday, May 21, 6 p.m.*

Have fun and decorate your own cookies with us!

### **Coming Up**

Art in the Park: Summer Paint & Sip—Wed., June 5, 6 p.m.

Kids: "The Great Reading Adventure" Magic Show  
—Wed., July 17, 4 p.m.

Kids: Zoophoria—Wed., June 26, 2 p.m. & 2:30 p.m.

## Household Hazardous Waste

### **Drop-off Event Days 2024**

The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority holds four disposal event days, in addition to the permanent household hazardous waste facility in Mount Olive, to provide Morris County residents with a safe, cost-free, and environmentally conscious way to properly dispose of their unwanted household items unable to go into the regular trash. Please visit [MCMUA.com](http://MCMUA.com) for a full list of acceptable and unacceptable items.

### **Dates:**

*Saturday, May 11, 9 a.m.—2 p.m.*

*Saturday, June 22, 9 a.m.—2 p.m.*

*Saturday, September 14, 9 a.m.—2 p.m.*

*Saturday, October 26, 9 a.m.—2 p.m.*

You may bring your items to the **Morris County Public Safety Training Academy, 500 West Hanover Ave, Parsippany, NJ**. Morris County residents MUST show proof of address at the time of disposal. Commercial vehicles are NOT permitted at this event.

## 50th Anniversary of National EMS Week

May 19-25 marks the 50th anniversary of National EMS Week. EMS Week, instituted in 1974 by President Ford, celebrates the lifesaving care provided by EMS practitioners throughout our nation's communities.



This year's theme is "Honoring Our Past, Forging Our Future." During EMS week, we honor the 170+ community members who have voluntarily served, or are currently serving, our town as members of the Mendham First Aid Squad. Also, we are focusing our efforts on evolving, innovating and ensuring that MFAS has the support needed to continue to answer the call for help. Visit our website [www.mendhamfirstaid.org](http://www.mendhamfirstaid.org) or our Facebook page ([Facebook.com/MendhamFAS](https://Facebook.com/MendhamFAS)) to meet our members. You can also visit us at the station on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am!

### Borough Events in May, 2024

**Borough Offices will be closed Monday, May 27**

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

**Council:** 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 8; 7 p.m. Monday, May 20

**ECOSST:** 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 6

**Historic Preservation Commission:** 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 22

**Joint Land Use Board:** 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 21

**Board of Health:** TBA

**Recreation Committee:** 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 16

**Borough Schools Board of Education:**

7:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 7; 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 21, Hilltop Elementary School Cafeteria:

**Special Meetings**

**Recycling:** Thursdays, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

**Curbside Bulk Pickup:** Mondays, May 6, 13, 20 (no pickup May 27); Tuesday, May 28

### Hometown History Podcast

After almost 275 years, Mendham finally has its own podcast. Produced by Katie Feather and Ryan Ross, *Hometown History* is a limited series narrative podcast that makes local Mendham history interesting and accessible for residents past, present and future.

This podcast is for anyone looking for a convenient, entertaining way to learn about Mendham history.

You'll learn the answers to questions like "Why did Civil War hero Abner Doubleday move to Mendham, and why is there a sign here dedicated to him?" "What makes Mendham public schools some of the best in the state?" and "How important was the Ralston Cider Mill to Mendham's economy?"

Katie and Ryan have uncovered some VERY interesting stories behind some of the most iconic spots in Mendham and they can't wait to share them with you.

Sign up to get behind-the-scenes updates and dig into our research sources as you listen.

<https://hometownhistory.substack.com/>