



Letter From the Mayor

Dear Residents and Businesses,



HAPPY SPRING!

As the days grow longer and the air turns warmer, more people will be out walking. The safety and well-being of all our residents is our top priority. As many of us enjoy walking in our neighborhoods—whether for exercise, commuting, or leisure—it is important to remain alert and practice safe pedestrian habits.

Here are some key reminders to help keep everyone safe:

- 1. Use Sidewalks and Crosswalks:** Always walk on sidewalks where available. If sidewalks are not present, walk facing traffic and as far from vehicles as possible. Use marked crosswalks when crossing streets.
- 2. Obey Traffic Signals:** Follow all pedestrian signals and wait for the “walk” sign before crossing intersections. Never assume drivers can see you.
- 3. Stay Visible:** Wear bright or reflective clothing, especially during dawn, dusk, and night. Carry a flashlight if walking in low-light conditions.
- 4. Avoid Distractions:** Stay alert by limiting phone use or headphones that could prevent you from hearing traffic.
- 5. Teach Children Safe Walking Habits:** Encourage children to look both ways before crossing, stay on sidewalks, and hold an adult’s hand when near traffic.

Please take a moment to review these guidelines and share them with family, friends, and neighbors. Together, we can create a safe and enjoyable environment for everyone who walks in our community.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to everyone who helped and generously donated to support our local food pantry. I enjoyed seeing the generosity of our residents at our recent food drive. Your contributions make a meaningful difference in the lives of those in need. A special thank you goes to Glenn and Marybeth Schmidle for their large donation of canned goods—your kindness is greatly appreciated.

As we move through the season, I encourage all residents to visit the Borough website for updates on the Borough’s Spring and Summer projects and programs. Several grant funded projects include work on the Phoenix House, Police Department, Patriots Path, Cary (Scott) Farm Barn, Ironia Road, and Playground at Botti Field.

The process to select a new Police Chief is currently underway, marking an important step ensuring continued leadership and public safety within our community. Officials have initiated a comprehensive and transparent search aimed at identifying a qualified candidate who demonstrates strong leadership, integrity, and a commitment to community engagement. The selection process includes multiple stages, such as candidate screening, testing, and interviews. We are working diligently to ensure that the new Police Chief reflects the values and priorities of the community while bringing the experience necessary to lead the department effectively. The appointment of a new police chief is a significant decision, and every effort is being made to ensure a thoughtful and thorough process.

There are several upcoming community events I hope you will take part in:

- ◆ **Fishing Frenzy** – May 3, 2026
- ◆ **Paper & Tech Shred Event** – May 16, 2026, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
- ◆ **Memorial Day Ceremony** – May 25, 2026, at 10:00 AM at Borough Park

To stay informed about important alerts and community updates, please sign up for Nixle. You can find the registration link on the front page of our website: www.mendhamnj.org.

With Mother’s Day approaching, I wish all the mothers in our community a joyful and well-deserved celebration.

Thank you for your continued involvement in making our community a wonderful place to live.

With Gratitude,

Mayor James “Jim” Kelly

Messenger Digital Notifications

Scan the QR Code below to receive digital notifications about the Mendham Messenger.



Need to Report a Code Concern?

Use the QR code to access the online form to report a code enforcement concern.



Dear Neighbor,

The Mendham Borough Library has proudly served our community for over 200 years. We play a vital role for our residents, but we need your help to continue our crucial work of providing free resources, programs, and a welcoming space for all.

This year, your contribution will help us:

- ◆ Preserve and improve our historic building
- ◆ Update some of our indoor spaces
- ◆ Expand our collection with new books and digital resources
- ◆ Offer engaging and enriching programs for all ages
- ◆ Sustain daily operations and essential community services

Financial support from our community is essential for our Library to operate. As an Association Library, we do not receive a guaranteed percentage of tax dollars. While we are extremely grateful for the support we receive from Mendham Borough, it does not cover all our operating expenses. We must rely heavily on philanthropic contributions to keep our doors open.

In the past year:

- ◆ Over 45,000 people visited the Library
- ◆ More than 53,000 items circulated
- ◆ Over 14,000 people attended our free programs
- ◆ Our Outdoor Learning Patio continued to provide a dynamic space for all
- ◆ We added Mahjong and Beginner Mahjong with instruction to our programs

We are incredibly proud of the work the Library does and hope you will join us in our efforts in enriching our community by donating today.

Sincerely,

Rosemary D'Urso
President, Board of Trustees

Trish Hall
Director

Monthly Programs

Yoga via Zoom

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

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

Beginners Mahjong

Tuesdays, 10 a.m.

Instruction is available on the first Tuesday of the month.

Social Bridge

Wednesdays, 10 a.m.

For experienced players.

Mahjong

Wednesdays, 1 p.m.

For experienced players.

Canasta

Thursdays, 10 a.m.

For experienced players.

In Stitches

Fridays, May 1, 15, 29, 1 p.m.

All levels welcome!

Coloring Club

Monday, May 18, 6:30 p.m.

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

Book Club

Friday, May 29, 10 a.m.

The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store
by James McBride

May Adult Programs

College Prep Workshop Series, Part 2: Rising Seniors

Thursday, May 7, 6:30 p.m.

Don't let the college application process overwhelm you. Join

Breakaway Prep for an essential workshop for high school juniors

featuring insider tips on the admissions

cycle and strategies for mastering those tricky essays. This event is open to teens and adults.



Paint & Sip: Lemons

Wednesday, May 13, 6:00 p.m.

Join artist Lynne Tenten for an evening of wine and guided

painting on the patio. Together, we'll recreate a chic, Amalfi Coast-inspired lemon canvas — the perfect way to unwind with friends and bring home a piece of the Mediterranean. \$5

registration fee is required to sign up.

Sponsored by a grant from Morris Arts.



Adult Crafting Club: Custom Terrariums

Monday, May 11, 12:00 p.m.

Build your own miniature ecosystem! We'll

guide you through layering soil and stones to

create a lush, low-maintenance glass garden.

Sponsored by a grant from Morris Arts.



Mahjong Tips and Tricks

Tuesday, May 5, 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, May 6, 12:30 p.m.

Meet our Mahjong expert Karen

Gooen to learn Mahjong tips and

tricks for the new 2026 Mahjong card.



Did You Know?

The Mendham Borough Library is considering starting a Scrabble Club which would meet weekly at the library. If

you have any interest in

joining this group, please

email circ-mnb.org and let us

know your name and we will

add you to the list.



May Children's Programs

Toddler Sing-Along

*Mondays, May 4, 11, 18 (Closed May 25),
10:30 a.m.*

Sing fun songs with us!

Babies and Books

Fridays, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 10:30 a.m.

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

Heart Wreaths

Tuesday, May 5, 3:30 p.m.

Create a beautiful wreath for the mom/mother figure in your life.



Friendship Bracelets (5+)

Wednesday, May 13, 3:30 p.m.



Create personalized bracelets for yourself, your friends and your family.

Spring Painting Together Workshop (7+)

Wednesday, May 20, 4:30 p.m.

Enjoy some bonding time as adult and child/teen work together to create beautiful Gnome paintings that join in the middle. Each sign up spot is for 1 adult/child/teen pair.



TAG
(Tween Advisory Group)



Tween Vision Boards (9+)

Wednesday, May 27, 5:30 p.m.

Explore your creativity and set goals for the summer with certified life coach Eileen Lupo.

Coming Up

Adult Crafting Club - Patriotic Floral Arrangements—

Mon., Jun. 8, 12:00 p.m.

Mostly Motown: Concert on the Patio—

Wed., Jun. 17, 6:00 p.m.

America at 250: Reflections with The Honorable Ken MacKenzie—June (Date TBD)

Paint & Sip - Beach—Wed., July 1, 6:30 p.m.

Mendham Borough Library will be closed on
Saturday, May 23 and Monday, May 25.

From Mendham First Aid Squad



Celebrate your Mendham First Aid Squad during EMS WEEK May 17th – 23rd! This year's theme is Improving Outcomes, Together. Each member of our squad carries one call with them forever, not for

its heroism but for its humanity. These moments seldom make the headlines, yet they influence outcomes and change lives: people returning home, families remaining united and communities feeling safer because someone was there when it mattered most. This week, help us recognize the all-volunteer members of our Mendham First Aid Squad who serve our community as they reaffirm their commitment, as partners and community members, to Improving Outcomes, Together.

We're always looking for new volunteers! Stop by our First Aid Squad bays (24 E. Main Street) on Sunday mornings between 10 and 11 a.m. to meet our squad members and learn more about how you can get involved. Age is not a barrier, and no healthcare

experience is necessary—an interest in serving our community is all you need!

Join the Battle; Beat the Bug!

Stomp Out the Spotted Lanternfly!

The eggs are hatching! Spotted Lanternfly (SLF) is a serious invasive pest with a healthy appetite for our plants and it can be a significant nuisance, affecting the quality of life and enjoyment of the outdoors. The spotted lanternfly uses its piercing-sucking mouthpart to feed on sap from over 70 different plant species. It has a strong preference for economically important plants and the feeding damage significantly stresses the plants which can lead to decreased health and potentially death.

As SLF feeds, the insect excretes honeydew (a sugary substance) which can attract bees, wasps, and other insects. The honeydew also builds up and promotes the growth for sooty mold (fungi), which can cover the plant, forest understories, patio furniture, cars, and anything else found below SLF feeding.

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Borough Events in May, 2026

Borough Offices will be closed on Monday, May 25.

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

Council Meeting: 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 6;
7 p.m. Wednesday, May 20

ECOSST: 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 4

Historic Preservation Commission: 7:30 p.m.
Monday, May 18

Joint Land Use Board: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 19

Recreation Committee: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 21

Recycling: Thursdays, May 7, 14, 21, 28

Curbside Bulk Pickup: Mondays, May 4, 11, 18;
Tuesday, May 26

Borough Schools Board of Education:

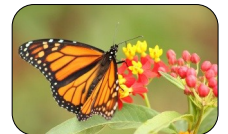
7:00 p.m. Monday May 4 (Special Meeting); 7:00
p.m. Tuesday, May 19; Hilltop Elementary School
Cafeteria

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If you see a Spotted Lanternfly, **Stomp it Out!** to keep it from spreading. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/NJLanternflies> for more information and advice.

2026 Spring Is In Bloom Photo Contest

Mendham Borough Shade Tree Commission invites you to participate in the 2026 Spring Is In Bloom Photo Contest.



Often, we witness beautiful sights that are worth more than just a quick glance. This is a call to take a break, pick up the camera and capture what is blooming around us.

Whoever sends in the best picture of Spring blooming in Mendham Borough will win a tree of their choice to be planted in their front yard.

The Shade Tree Commission will review and choose the winner. Spread the word and send your photo with its location (must be located in Mendham Borough) to dpw@mendhamnj.org attention Debbie Holly. Contest ends June 1, 2026

The winner will be announced at the beginning of June.

Ready, Set, Click! Happy Spring!