



THE MENDHAM MESSENGER

The Newsletter for Mendham Borough

June 2023

Letter From the Mayor

Dear Mendham Borough Residents and Businesses,

It's so nice to have summer right around the corner. When I travel around town, I see more and more of our residents out playing sports, working on their yards, or just enjoying a walk. Mendham is such a picturesque town, but it is seeing our residents out and about that paints the most charming of pictures.

Farewell

Our Supervisor of the Department of Public Works, Jeff Cooper, is retiring! Jeff has been a tremendous asset to our team and our town. In the seven plus years that he has been with us he has brought his own special dedication and eye for making our town look great. He has never been one to cut corners or leave areas sloppy or unkempt. He will be dearly missed in Mendham, but we know he won't miss us as much, since he and his wife will be very busy helping with their first grandbaby. Best of luck to you in retirement, Jeff!

Who's taking over? You will have to wait until the next issue when we announce our new Superintendent for DPW.

What's Happening

Look for our newly updated Recreation booklet! Our team spent a lot of time updating our booklet and giving it a more user-friendly look. Take a look and please don't hesitate to contact us with suggestions for next year's issue.

Historic Walk Tour Follow Up

A great big thank you goes out to our Town Historian, Bill Maurer, for researching and helping to create the historic walking tours we held in May. Additionally, we had volunteers who kept the tour moving and full of interest for attendees. Thank you to all who helped make it a special first-time event. We will keep you apprised of more walking tours in the future.

Who's Who in Mendham

Let's welcome Liz Holtz, our new part-time Tax Collector. Liz started her career in the finance banking industry, which worked well with her major in finance from Loyola. Liz and her husband then moved to Chester to raise their family. Once their two children progressed into middle school, Liz decided it was time to get back to working with numbers. Liz has been a licensed Tax Collector for a few years now and works full-time for Chester. With both of their children soon to be in college, she and her husband will have more time to watch their

daughter play volleyball at Gettysburg, and visit the shore in Lewes, Delaware, their favorite getaway spot. You can find Liz at the Bowers Building on Tuesday evenings from 4:30 to 6:30pm, and on Fridays from 8:30am to 3:30pm. Please stop in and give her a Borough welcome.

Mendham Can Do Better

It's sad for me to have to write this important paragraph. This past summer our Junior Girl Scout Troop spent months raising money and then finally installing, with assistance from the Mayor and some Council members, two tetherball stations. Before the end of summer, both stations had been vandalized with the balls and strings being stolen and poles being damaged. After discussion with Jeff in DPW, the town decided to purchase new strings and balls and get the two stations back for play for our residents for this summer season. It took only one day for the ball to be cut away from one of the stations again. I have told Jeff not to replace it. If the other ball is stolen, then that will conclude our tetherball service for this season.

Over the last few years, a few pieces of Borough property have been vandalized. Every time this occurs, the town fixes or replaces the damaged equipment. I firmly believe that Mendham can do better than this. Please speak with your family members and remind everyone that vandalism costs money and takes time away from other jobs our team takes care of. We want to plan for more recreational facilities in town. Knowing that we have residents who take pride in and have respect for our facilities will make it more sensible for us to make those investments in our community.

Land Use Meeting Reminder

Reminder that the June Joint Land Use meeting is scheduled for Tuesday the 20th of this month at 7:30pm. Please check our website for the location, which is subject to change depending on availability of school space. The agenda is usually available and posted a couple of days before the meeting. Another good way to keep up on when these meetings will be held is by signing up for Nixle, which you can find the link for on the front page of our website, www.mendhamnj.org.

Thank you for reading, and don't forget your sunblock this summer!

Sincerely yours,

Christine Serrano Glassner

Mayor

Dear Neighbor,

The Mendham Borough Library is a vibrant part of the Mendham Community and is flourishing. Last year we had a dramatic increase of over 35% in both program attendance (over 8,000) and library visits (almost 47,000). Our library is a community center, with so much more than just books. We have offerings for individuals of all ages: yoga, kids' crafts and programs, bridge, canasta, and free online digital services too. Our library is funded in part by the town, but the amount is at its discretion and covers only a portion of our budget. As an association library, we rely on friends and neighbors' donations to help us meet our annual budgetary needs so we can continue to provide resources for all to enjoy.

This past year, we have worked hard to bring more to our community. We added a new monthly program for teens, a knitting group, special monthly adult programs, an early literacy class for babies, and digital learning devices that patrons can check out (Kindles pre-loaded with best-sellers for adults and Read-Aloud books and learning tablets for kids).

Currently, we are excited to share that we are planning an outdoor learning space for our entire community. Our plans include a sitting area with tables and chairs for small group gatherings and a larger program space with a sitting wall for special events. We are delighted to continue to expand our services for the residents of Mendham.

We are incredibly proud of the great work the Library does. We hope you appreciate the importance of the Library to the community and ask that you show your support with a contribution. All contributions will support the many programs and services that our Library brings to our patrons. Please use the QR Code below, or visit our website at www.mendhamboroughlibrary.org to make your donation. Thank you!



June Adult Programs

Friends of the Mendham Borough Library Coffee

Wednesday, June 7, 7 p.m.

Please join us for a cup of coffee and a conversation about our Friends group. The Friends of the Mendham Borough Library are currently looking for new members to serve on the Friends Committee.

Our Friends help build awareness about library happenings, enhance the library's facilities, resources and services, and assist with fundraising events. We hope you can attend to learn more!



The Bees Knees

Wednesday, June 14, 6:30 p.m.



Join us as naturalist Rich Hoffman explains the amazing world of bees. Discover the unique and important role bees play in the environment. This is a family friendly program for all ages!

Floral Design with the Lillie House

Wednesday, June 28, 7 p.m.

Join us as local floral expert Jillian McFadyen teaches us the best tips and tricks for our early summer arrangements. Jillian will bring a fresh floral selection from her farm at The Lillie House. One lucky attendee will go home with a bouquet Jillian makes for us!



Save the Date!

**Saturday, September 30
for
Mendham Borough Library's
Fall Fundraiser!**

June Children's Programs

Toddler Sing-Along

Mondays, June 5, 12, 26, 10:30 a.m.

Join us for some fun songs!

Babies and Books

Fridays, June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 10:45 a.m.

Now meeting every week! Join us for a story, nursery rhymes, and playtime.

Perler Beads

Monday, June 5, 3:30 p.m.

Create cool pixelated art with the library's Perler Beads!

Zoophoria

Tuesday, June 13, 2 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

at Brookside Community Club



Come meet amazing animal friends, and learn how to work together to make a difference for these creatures through small daily actions.

Birdhouse Painting (Ages 5+)

Wednesday, June 14, 3 p.m.

Paint a fun new home for a feathered friend.

Squeegee Painting (Ages 5+)

Wednesday, June 21, 3 p.m.

Create abstract art with paint and a squeegee.



TAG (Teen Advisory Group) Teen Sharpie Tie-Dye (Ages 12+)

Thursday, June 1, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Get creative, have fun, and design your own tote or string bag!

The Better Together Magic Show with Conrad

*Thursday, June 22, 4 p.m.
at St. Mark's*

With magic, comedy, and storytelling, this program is guaranteed to excite and inspire kids!



Read to a Dog

Monday, June 26, 3 p.m.

Build reading confidence with a new furry friend.

Saving Earth Together with Talewise

Tuesday, June 27, 3 p.m. at St. Mark's



Science and stories collide in this brand new interactive STEM program!

Scavenger Hunt

Wednesday, June 28, 6 p.m.

Search the stacks to find everything on your list and win a prize.

Crafts-To-Go

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

**Please register for all library programs
online at mendhamboroughlibrary.org
or call the library at 973-543-4152.**

The Library will be closed on
Monday, June 19.

Monthly Programs

Yoga via Zoom

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

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

Social Bridge

Wednesdays, 10 a.m.

For experienced players.

Canasta

Thursdays, 10 a.m.

All levels of play are welcome!

In Stitches

Fridays, June 9 and 23, 1 p.m.

All levels welcome!

Cribbage

Tuesday, June 20, 6:30 p.m.

All levels welcome!

Book Club

Friday, June 23, 10 a.m.

Women Talking

by Miriam Toews

Summer Reading is Here!

Kids Summer Reading Program

(ages 11 and under)

June 11 - July 29



Register, pick up a log from the library, and keep track of your reading to win great prizes. Register by June 17th to be entered in a drawing to win a Mendham Creamery gift card.

Teen Summer Reading Program

(ages 12-18)

June 8 - August 16

Earn an entry for each book you read for a chance to win a gift card! Enter your books online through the link on our website.



Adult Summer Reading

June-August

Read great books and play Bingo for a chance to win fabulous prizes.

Fletcher Gallery

In the month of June, the Fletcher Gallery will feature artwork on loan from the Morris County Artists Network. Morris County Artists Network is a social-media-based

“booster club” for the fellowship of visual artists in Morris County, NJ. This month’s gallery centers around the theme of “Flight and Sky.”

Did You Know?

The Mendham Borough Library has **Museum Passes** available to check out. Call the library to reserve a great day out for the family! Passes are for Mendham residents only.

Cooper Grist Mill

An 1826 operational historic mill located in Chester.

Fosterfields Living Historical Farm

Experience farm living as it was over 100 years ago.

Historic Speedwell

Experience life in Morristown during the Industrial Revolution.

Morris Museum

A Smithsonian affiliate with the Spark!Lab and Mega Model Train Gallery.

The Stickley Museum

Visit the Morris Plains country estate of designer Gustav Stickley.

Storm King Art Center

Outdoor sculpture museum located in New York’s Hudson Valley.



This Month’s Kindle Books:

Check out a Kindle for two weeks and read current bestsellers—great new books are added each month!

The Five Star Weekend by Elin Hildebrand (6/13);
The Wager by David Grann;
The Covenant of Water by Abraham Verghese.

Coming Up

Summer Family Bingo—Thursday, July 6, 6 p.m.

The Seeing Eye for Kids—Wednesday, July 12, 4 p.m.

Whale Sewing Workshop (7+)—Thursday, July 13, 3-4:30 p.m.

Lego Club (5+)—Monday, July 17, 3 p.m.

Candy Sushi (5+)—Wednesday, July 19, 4 p.m.

Eyes of the Wild—Thursday, July 20, 4 & 4:45 p.m.

Kids Sharpie Tie Dye Bags (7+)—Monday, July 24, 2 p.m.

Touch A Truck—Wednesday, July 26, 1:30 p.m.

Yellowstone National Park: Plumes, Hotspots, and the Super Volcano—July 26, 7 p.m.

Book Club is on hiatus for July and August.



Congratulations to Our Mendham Boro 2023 Graduates!



Hilltop Elementary School

Hailey Afonso; Christopher Barnicle; George Barter; Magnolia Baum-Wilson; Gianna Caulfield; Chase Cerchio; Bradley Ciencin; Maddox Ciotti; Bowie Clausen; Sunny D'Agostino; Jack DelGigante; Parker Dewey; Thomas D'Urso; Aimae Eckels-Martinez; Omar Elbanhawy; Serena Empirio; Max Gallo; Chloe Gardner; Lillian Gladhill; Alexander Gleason; Eliora Gordon; Jackson Hall; Alexander Harmon; Maegan Karpinski; Jack Kilcullen; Matthias Lam; Caroline Locke; Emily Manno; Kathryn McCormick; Christian Morera; Jack Murphy; Alexandra Napurano; Emma Nechamkin; Harper O'Hara; Richard Perna; Santino Piombo; Hannah Roberts; Taylor Robertson; Charlie Russo; Griffin Rutt; Charles Schwartz; Christian Shammas; Emily Shenloogian; Charles Shudtz; Declan Sullivan; Alice Vasquez; Samantha Yacteen; Dylan Zapata

Mountain View Middle School

Dylan Ahrens; Mia Alfano; D'Angelee Antoine; Henry Arena; Matthew Barnicle; Hazel Bogart; Sophie Buzot; Heidi Casasanero; Jaxon Catalano; Neil Chopra; Kaitlyn Connolly; Jane Cosmi; Benjamin Edelman; Omar Eltawil; Kyle Gay; Ethan Geller; Samuel Geller; Audrey Golier; Gabriella Gomez; Ismary Gomez; Liam Gregory; Gino Grieco; Christopher Guenther; Logan Hanson; Alana Hickey; Emma Hoch; Kyran Hodge; Lily Hodge; Drew Jenson; Trevor Jenson; Alice Jurist Baus; Beverly Jurist Baus; Olivia Kagan; Kabir Kaushal; Lila King; Alexander Korunovski; Maximus Krolikiewicz; Olivia Kutlu; Tess Kutlu; Bella Levine; William Manno; Brendan McDonough; John McGoey; Theodore McLaud; Jack Merklinger; Hadley Moores; Eabha Murphy; Carly Nelson; Ella Ogoft; Michael Oliveri; Lauren Petrie; William Pierson; Genevieve Provence; Rocco

Racioppi; Ranveer Reddy; Emily Rooney; Sophia Rudd; Jake Sicknick; Sienna Slogoff; Jacob Spiegel; Fiona Stewart; William Stewart; Jakob Tashjy; Jedd Van Deventer; Cole Warren; Camryn Wear; Daisy Weaver; Sadie Whiting; Holly Wise

West Morris Mendham High School

Scott Abramson; Gabriella Franchesca Ager; Shaina Anand; Amal F. Ayub; Anjan Balakrishnan; Sienna Braganza-Osman; Robert James Bruin; Tymeson Peter Butler; Aedan Daniel Byrne; Michael Joseph Caravetta; Patrick John Carter; Ava Lily Dellaratta; Abigail Elizabeth Doyle; Margaret Elizabeth Ervey; Joel Chriswin Fernando; Lauren Sarah Fischbach; Abigail Kathryn Fitzsimmons; Colin Brooks Fowler; Thomas J. Fredericks; Cole Jason Geary; Ava Shea Germinario; Patrick Quinn Gillespie; Joseph Salvatore Greco; Dillon James Higgins; Payton Grace Johnson; Maeve Kelly; Thomas Ernesto Kessler; Liam Yung-Tai Kilmer; Max Roberts Klayman; Zachary Paul Kochis; Hanna Maeve Kutlu; Owen Mehmet Kutlu; Daniel Malone Lanahan; Timothy Mark LaRosa; Margaret Cynthia Lee; Julia Rose McEnroe; Collyer P. McLaud; James Landy McLaud; Elizabeth Suzanne Montenegro; Rouen Nelson; Andrew Ethan Pabon; Alexandra Marie Paone; Amelia Jean Paone; Matthew Murphy Parker; Jessie Loren Parmelli; Lylah Mae Patyk; Joshua Curtin Pini; Sienna Hazel Politan; John M. Rollins; Patrick Seamus Rooney; Nicholas H. Rosselli; Robert L. Rosselli; John Henry Rowley; Kathleen M. Sansone; Nuchaba Kyoko Scholte; Ethan Blake Shinske; Shane Thomas Sullivan; Ian J. Tamboowalla; Gavin James Timoney II; Brian Lawrence Walsh; Sarah Jane Wilcock; Sonja S. Zeepvat

Mendham Borough Named Tree City for 10th Year

The Arbor Day Foundation has once again named Mendham Borough as a 2022 Tree City USA member.

Mendham Borough has met and exceeded the requirements each year, planting and replacing trees to keep our community beautiful and tree lined. In addition to the aesthetics of planting trees, the trees positively impact the air quality and provide a natural habitat for many species.



This award is issued by the partnership of the Arbor Day Foundation and the U.S. Forest Service that was founded in 1976. We are proud to say that Mendham Borough has received this honor for the past 10 years!

Last year, Mendham Borough Public Works planted over 35 new trees in the Borough.

A Message from the Mendham Borough Fire Marshal



Summer is almost upon us! Here are some tips for keeping it fire-safe.

Make sure your gas grill is working properly. Leaks or breaks are

primarily a problem with gas grills. Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year.

Never leave equipment unattended. For campfires, fire pits, and chimineas, always have a hose, bucket of water, or shovel and dirt or sand nearby, and make sure the fire is completely out before going to sleep or leaving the area.

Keep equipment a safe distance from things that can burn. Place your grill well away (at least 3 feet)

from anything that can burn, including deck railings and overhanging branches. Also, keep them out from under eaves.

Use fuel and fire starters properly. If you use a starter fluid to ignite charcoals, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never use gasoline or other flammable or combustible liquids on firepits, chimineas, or campfires.

If a fire breaks out, call 911! For any type of outdoor fire that can't be quickly and effectively extinguished, call the fire department immediately for assistance.

Facilities Reservations

Did you know that Mendham Borough has several facilities that Borough residents may book for sports or private events? For information and application forms, visit www.mendhamnj.org and click on Departments & Services/Recreation Programs/Sport Field, Court & Facility Reservation.

- ◆ Baseball Doubleday Field » Borough Park Gazebo Area
- ◆ Elliott Baseball Field with Scoreboard » Borough Park Upper Area
- ◆ Lenape Field » Borough Park Lower Area
- ◆ First Responders Soccer Turf Fields 1 & 2 » Borough Park Fire Station Area
- ◆ Tennis Courts 1 & 2 » Borough Park Orchard St. Entrance
- ◆ Franklin Field » Franklin Rd
- ◆ Small Soccer Field 1 » Botti Park Main Entrance Pavillion Area
- ◆ Small Soccer Field 2 » Botti Park Lower Area
- ◆ Full Soccer Field 3 » Botti Park Lower Area
- ◆ Pastime Baseball Field » Valley Way

Posted regulations must be observed.



MENDHAM BOROUGH RECREATION PRESENTS
**SUNDAY SUMMER
CONCERTS**
IN THE PARK

6:30-8PM

Borough Park Gazebo • 19 Mountain Ave



**BLUES
JUNE 25**



**'60S
JULY 9**



**ROCK
JULY 23**



**BEATLES
JULY 30**

Co-sponsored by LEAD (Law Enforcement Against Drugs)

Borough Events in June 2023

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

Council: 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 14;
7 p.m. Monday, June 26

ECOSST: 7:30 p.m. Monday, June 5

Recreation Committee: 7:30 p.m. Thursday,
June 15

Historic Preservation Commission: 7:30 p.m.
Monday, June 19; 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 21

Joint Land Use Board: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 20

Board of Health: 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 22

Borough Schools Board of Education:

7 p.m. Tuesday, June 20, Hilltop Elementary
School Cafeteria

Summer Concert Series—Kimon: 6:30 p.m. Sunday,
June 25

Recycling: Thursdays, June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Curbside Bulk Pickup: Mondays, June 5, 12, 19, 26

Phoenix House Under Construction

The Phoenix House restoration project is on track to begin this month. The project will be a peek into the past as they peel back the layers and dismantle parts of the interior to get to the structural areas for repair. The project is being completed with both Morris County and State historic trust fund dollars. The project manager cannot predict exactly how long the work will take, depending on what they find behind the walls. The building will remain open and staff will be in their regular offices for now.

Please plan to schedule your visits and reach out to us to be sure the building is still accessible to the public. Should we need to make any changes, we will send out notices via Nixle. Remember, we have a drive-thru drop box at the Bowers Building for your convenience. Thank you in advance for your patience.

