



THE MENDHAM MESSENGER

The Newsletter for Mendham Borough

June 2025

Letter From the Mayor

Dear Mendham Residents,

The days just keep whizzing by, and here we are in June. The graduation season is well under way so congratulations to all of the Mendham High School Seniors and our Mountain View 8th Graders heading to High School.

David Crotsley

I want to acknowledge the passing of long-time Mendham Borough Citizen David Crotsley. He was a husband, father and friend to many, a veteran, fireman, First Aid Squad member and former Director of our Mendham Public Works Department. We extend our sincere condolences to the Crotsley family. RIP Dave.

Play Area Toys

Behind the fire house we have a play area for our local children and families. Apparently there has been a long standing "sharing tradition" for a toy to be left behind for another child to play with. This has been a wonderful tradition teaching our children to share and I think it should continue. However, if you see a toy that has been loved to death or broken, please feel free to discard it to help keep our public play area clean and safe.

Mendham Fishing Frenzy

I recently attended the Mendham Fishing Frenzy at Mountain Valley Pond. The event is sponsored annually by the Mendham Borough Police Department. It was well attended with a lot of kids trying their best to reel in the "Big One"! It was nice to see so many families enjoying the simple pleasures that fishing allows. Thank you to the Mendham Pastime Club for always showing up to work the event and keeping the masses fed and hydrated. Thank you to Dunkin' for the coffee and donuts, the Wicker Basket Deli that generously donated supplies, and Three Golden Trout for stocking the fish, as well as adding another level of competition with a free sandwich to the winner.

Route 80 Repair Impact

As I am writing, Route 80 continues to be repaired from abandoned mines creating sink holes in the highway. This has caused hardship for many businesses and neighborhoods around the disruption. It is causing increased traffic in areas like Mendham that are now being used as alternate routes and cut-throughs for drivers. Residents on Prospect and New Street have had previous concerns about their streets being used for cut-

throughs from Main Street and are now feeling this even more with the increased Main Street traffic due to the Route 80 shut down. I would like to ask everyone not to be careless or to speed through any of our residential neighborhoods. I have asked the Safety Committee of Council to review how to assist the neighborhood and potential ways to reduce the traffic.

Pedestrian Safety

In response to residents' concerns, the Main Street & Hilltop Road intersection traffic signal timing was changed to better improve pedestrian safety. The County completed a Borough-requested traffic study of the intersection. The result was a new timing recommendation for the light that was implemented on May 2nd. The light has been reprogrammed to include a lead pedestrian phase, and the crosswalk buttons have been updated. When the crosswalk button is pushed, pedestrians now have a 10-second lead to start crossing the street. The lead time is actuated when the crosswalk button is pushed. This new timing will give pedestrians time to become more visible and cross the street. Drivers must still yield to pedestrians in the crosswalks. The Borough also installed crossing flags.

Affordable Housing Project

I would like to commend Ella Langsford with the West Morris Mendham High School Newspaper for her thoughtful interview with me about the state-mandated King's Plaza Affordable Housing Project. Scan the QR Code to read the interview.



India Brook Riparian Buffer Restoration

Lastly, I would like to thank Hacklebarney Trout Unlimited Chapter for partnering with the Borough and our Joint Environmental, Open Space, and Shade Tree Commission on restoration of the India Brook riparian buffer. To volunteer and help email planning@mendhamnj.org.

Have a great summer! And enjoy our Borough Summer recreation programs!

Respectfully,
Mayor Jim Kelly

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.



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.

This year, your contribution will help us:

- Replace our aging HVAC system—now over 20 years old and prone to frequent breakdowns
- Expand our collection with new books and digital resources
- Continue offering lively, enriching programs for all ages
- Sustain our daily operations.

In the past year:

- Over 46,000 people visited the Library
- More than 52,000 items were circulated
- Nearly 15,000 community members attended our programs
- Our new Outdoor Learning Patio opened, providing a dynamic place for all.

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

Sincerely,

Rosemary D'Urso, President, Board of Trustees
Trish Hall, Director



Tremendous Thanks

Thank you to everyone who supported our Wine Tasting Fundraiser. Thank you to those that attended and made the night special and fun, those who supported but could not attend, the Friends of the Mendham Borough Library, and to the individuals that donated wine, food, and items for our silent auction. We are grateful for each and every one of you for your help and generosity.

A special shout out to the following businesses that donated to our auctions: 56 Degrees Wine, Bloom, Celebrity Cigar Smoke, Chapter One Books, Chester Meat Market, F. Gerald New, Fiddler's Elbow Country Club, J.A. Morey Artisan Chocolates, Karen Vaughn, Lynn Eberenz Art, Mendham Creamery, Mendham Garden Center, Mendham Mud Clay Studio, Olivera Hair, Savvy Bouquets Florist, Sunny Nails, Village Wine and Liquors, The Wicker Basket, Windswept.

June Adult Programs

Amazing Adaptations Featuring Live Animals! (Family event)

Wednesday, June 4, 6:00 p.m.



Attend a family friendly program with naturalist Rich Hoffman as he shares some amazing animals who adapt to

survive! See a tarantula, jumping spiders, crested gecko, corn snake and some death feigning beetles! Register now to meet these incredible animals live at the library!

Adult Crafts: Paint a Canvas Tote!

Wednesday, June 11, 1:00 p.m.

Paint your own reusable canvas tote bag!



Floral Design with Savvy Bouquets

Wednesday, June 18, 6:30 p.m.



Create beautiful floral bouquets with florist Julie Coutts of Savvy Bouquets. \$5 Fee required to join this event. All supplies provided. You are welcome to bring your own vase or additional flowers if you wish.

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, 10:00 a.m.
For experienced players.

Canasta

Thursdays, 10:00 a.m.
For experienced players.

In Stitches

Knitting Group
Fridays, June 6 and 20, 6:30 p.m.
All levels welcome!

Coloring Club

Monday, June 16, 6:30 p.m.
Join us for a fun drink and creative coloring with friends!

Book Club

Friday, June 27, 10:00 a.m.
The Painted Veil
by W. Somerset Maugham

June and July Children's Programs

Toddler Sing-Along

Mondays, June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; July 7, 14, 21, 28, 10:30 a.m.

Join us for some fun songs!

Babies and Books

Fridays, June 6, 13, 20, 27; July 11, 18, 25 (closed July 4), 10:30 a.m.

Join us for a story, nursery rhymes, and playtime.

Lego Club



Tuesday, June 3, 3:30 p.m.

Monday, June 30, 4:00 p.m.

We'll bring the LEGOs. You bring your imagination!

Fluffy Slime Workshop (5+)

Tuesday, June 10, 3:30 p.m.

Make amazing slime with us!



Bubble Painting

Monday, June 16, 3:00 p.m.

Create a piece of art that pops right off the page.



TAG (Teen Advisory Group)

Teen Ice Cream Social (10+)

Wednesday, June 11, 5:30 p.m.

Celebrate the end of another school year with a sweet treat!

Touch a Truck

Tuesday, June 17, 12:30-2:00 p.m.

Come check out our awesome Mendham DPW vehicles. Every family will receive a free book courtesy of Mendham Borough Clean Communities.



Stained Glass Fish



Wednesday, June 25, 4:00 p.m.

Learn how to make your own faux stained glass masterpiece.

Zoophoria with Mendham Township Library

Thursday, June 26, 4 & 4:30 p.m.

at Brookside Community Club

Snakes, Lizards, Toads, Oh My! Come meet amazing animal friends as we learn how together we can make a difference for these creatures.



Sewing Workshop: Fish (7+)

Wednesday, July 2, 4:00 p.m.

Sew your own stuffed fish friend.



Woven Bookmarks (5+)

Wednesday, July 9, 4:00 p.m.

Learn the art of weaving as we create our own bookmarks.

Clay Creatures with Zoophoria (5+)

Thursday, July 10, 2:00 p.m.

Funded by a Morris Arts Grant

Work with clay to sculpt amazing creatures, with live animals as models for inspiration!

Origami Pinwheels (7+)

Wednesday, July 16, 4:00 p.m.

Learn a colorful spin on the ancient art of origami as we make pinwheels.



Chemical Wizardry (5+)

Thursday, July 17, 4:00 p.m.

Meet the Science Man and witness volcano-like eruptions, color changing reactions, and even a sock-shooting cannon, then try your own hand at making instant snow, glowing slime, and more!

Squeegee Art (5+)

Monday, July 21, 3:00 p.m.

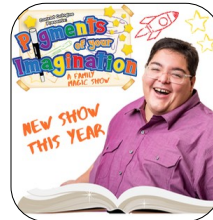
Create abstract art with paint and a squeegee.



Pigments of Imagination Magic Show

Wednesday, July 23, 4:00 p.m.

at St. Mark's Church



Get ready to explore art and the limits of your imagination, as stories come to life with magic, drawings jump off the page and we take a thrilling reading adventure with fantastic story-teller Conrad Cologne.

Kids Painting Workshop (5+)

Wednesday, July 30, 4:00 p.m.

Funded by a Morris Arts Grant.

Create a colorful canvas masterpiece with our expert painting teacher.



Summer Family Bingo

Thursday, July 31, 6:00 p.m.

Bring the whole family for a fun game of Bingo, where everyone is a winner!

Did You Know?

When you're planning your summer fun, don't forget that Mendham Borough Library has **free** 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
Fosterfields Living Historical Farm
Historic Speedwell
Montclair Art Museum
Morris Museum**



AED/CPR Training

We are thankful to the Mendham First Aid Squad for the donation of the AED device plus CPR training and certification. The Mendham Borough Library staff are now better prepared for an emergency. Thank you, Mendham First Aid Squad and Sheryl Tree for the important donation to our library.



Summer Reading is Here!

Summer Reading Buddies

June—August

Adopt a Rubber Duck Reading Buddy when signing up for summer reading.

Kids Summer Reading Program (ages 11 and under)

June 15—August 2

Register, pick up a log from the library, and collect tickets to win great prizes.

Last day for entries is Wednesday, August 6.

Teen Summer Reading Bingo (ages 12-18)

June 6—August 25

Pick up a Summer Reading Bingo board from the Library. Winners will be randomly chosen to win a gift card to Chapter One Bookstore or Wicker Basket.

Adult Summer Reading

June—August

Register, pick up a free library tote, read great books, and play Bingo for a chance to win fabulous prizes!

Coming Up

Read to a Dog—Wed., Aug. 6, 4pm

Raising Backyard Chickens—Wed., Jul. 23, 6:30 p.m.

Mendham Borough Library Golf Outing: Bayonne Golf

Club—Wed., Aug. 6, Shotgun Start at 1:00 p.m.

The Art of Calligraphy—Aug. TBD

Fletcher Gallery

The June Fletcher Gallery will feature a collection of artwork from local artists curated by Tricia Gorinski. The collection will feature a variety of local artists with the common theme of "Connection."

The Library will be closed on
Thursday, June 19.



Congratulations to Our Mendham Boro 2025 Graduates!



Hilltop Elementary School

Luke Adinolfi; Ian Carlo Arguello Ricciardi; Anisha Bapna; Natalie Beley; Gavin Brown; Pietro Casali; Charlotte Cass; Catie Cerchio; Thea Ciotti; Livia Clark; Luciana Corsale; Giavanna DeStefano; Shane Donnelly; Emily D'Urso; Declan Fehling; Cooper Gallo; Kelsei Garbacz; William Goddard; Hadley Goldstein; Oliver Gotfridson; Nate Harmon; Emarion Henriquez; Alexandra Kennedy; Josephine Kennedy; Finn Lam; Andrew Lordy; Joe Malanga; Gabrielle Morton; Imran Muradi; Bobby Murray; Sebastian Myrow; Mary Patullo; Penelope Gehl; Rose Perlmutter; Aurora Perlmutter; James Pierson; Madison Pierson; Benjamin Pignatiello; Grant Robertson; Luna Robinson Dion; JD Rocco; Rickie Russo; Jack Schultz; Zachary Schutzman; Joseph Scioscia, Jr.; Julia Shammass; Aarav Sharma; Henry Shenloogian; Reagan Sullivan; Olivia Tuohy; Mia Vitebsky; Maizy Walsh; Lydia Walsh; Michael Waters; Waylon Widdicombe

Mountain View Middle School

Madison Sofia Afonso; Reilly Kathleen Brown; Matthew Gregory Brozowski; Faye Juliette Budnik; Caroline Marie Byrne; Jacqueline Elizabeth Carangelo; Jalen Carrero; Cecilia Casali; Anjali Lola Catalano; Priya Chopra; Grace Eliza Clausen; Isabela de Castro Soares; Justyne De Stefano; Aley Elbanhawy; Bella Regina Geary; Chloe Marie Gleason; Cassidy Maureen Golier; Jazmine Gomez; Madalena Guimaraes; Isaac Haddock; Dakota Rain Hanson; Phillip Jee; Colin Taylor Jefferys; Van Thomas Kanda; Peyton Mary Karpinski; Avril Elyse Kagan; Mackenzie Angela Kay; Tara Maggie Kelly; Ian Douglas Kessler; Kevin Barrett Kilcullen; Zachary Thomas Korunovski; Jon Michael Koulouris; Seamus Krolikiewicz; Rohan David Largman; Gracielynn Angelina Leo; Benton Anderson Locke; Julian Lopez; Kenneth Allan Lordy; Quinlan John Loures; Annwyn Clarissa Lusk; Colleen Susan McDonough; Andrew Gerard McGoey; Stella Paige Moores; Maxwell Joseph Mueller; Rasmus Kaaber Munksgaard; Eleanor Risdon Murphy; Lee Arthur Nechamkin; Nathaniel Neigel; Mae Burke Ogoft; Tanner Parks; Zachary Parks; Garrett Thomas Pela; Elizabeth Marion Pfeiffer; Dillon Christopher Poggi; Violet Olivia Politan; James Robert Rice; Margaret K Schwartz; Valentin Jean Sellam-Minthe; Sydney Rae Simpson; Sarah Tashjy; Peter James Valles; Cecilia Beall Viola; James Harley Wise; Samantha Grace Wojcik; Jonathan Tyler Wu; Charlotte Carrie Zacccone

West Morris Mendham High School

Not available at press time

Styrofoam EPS Recycling Day

Saturday June 7, 2025, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Where: Mendham **Township** Public Works,
40 Mount Pleasant Road, Mendham Township

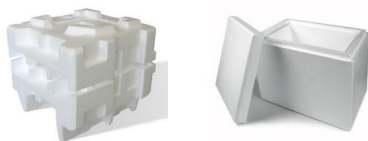
Open to All Mendham Residents

RECYCLE THESE:

Identify foam with this recycling symbol:



- Foam Sheets
- Foam Coolers
- Foam Packaging



DO NOT RECYCLE THESE:

- White Foam Cups
- Colored Foam Trays
- Food Service Trays
- Foam Egg Cartons
- Peanuts



Items collected will be brought to Foam Pack Industries. Foam Pack Industries is committed to keeping the environment clean by preventing Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) waste from entering our landfills. Offering commercial and residential foam recycling, we currently accept clean, white EPS, otherwise known as Styrofoam, and sell 99.9% percent clean, densified EPS. Brought to you by Mendham Township Environmental Commission and Mendham Borough ECOSST Commission.

Block Party Road Closure Requests

All requests to close a portion of a residential street for



an event such as a block party require approval by the Mayor & Council. Applications should be submitted to the Borough Clerk a **minimum of 30 days** before the date

of the event. Please visit the Applications, Permits, Licenses and Fees section of the borough website at www.mendhamnj.org for more details.

Walking Paths Survey

The Mendham Borough ECOSST (Environmental, Open Space, and Shade Tree) Commission has created a short survey about the Borough's walking paths.

Please use the QR code to answer the questions.



India Brook Restoration Project

Over the years, due to high rainfall events, the banks of India Brook and its riparian buffer have needed restoration to promote a healthy habitat for the native/wild trout and wildlife in and around the stream.

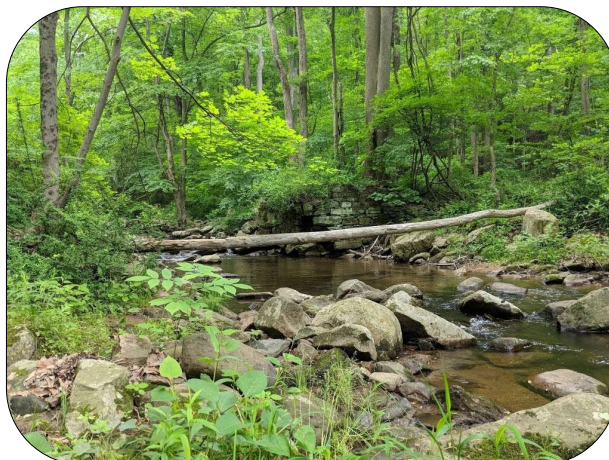
The Borough Council, Mayor, and ECOSST (Environmental, Open Space, and Shade Tree) Commission have partnered with the Hacklebarney Trouts Unlimited Chapter to restore the India Brook riparian buffer.

The project's first step will be to remove the invasive plants that have overtaken the banks of the stream. The second step will be to plant over 100 native trees and plants to restore the riparian zone and facilitate a healthy environment for the stream and wildlife to prosper.

The goal is to remove the invasive plants in June, with the planting of the new vegetation and trees to commence in the fall. We request support from organizations, schools, or individual residences to help complete the project.

To visit the site, please visit India Brook Park and walk the path next to the stream to Patriots Path. The project area includes the invasives between the parking loop and the stream and continues down to Patriots Path.

If you have questions about the project or wish to volunteer, please get in touch with Lisa Smith at planning@mendhamnj.org



Mendham Borough Summer Events

Join the Summer fun right here in town, with family-friendly events, game night, concerts and much more! For all the details, check out your Mendham Borough Recreation Booklet on the town website at <https://tinyurl.com/MendhamBoroRecBooklet>.

Date/Time	Event	Location	Sponsor
Tuesday, June 17 (Rain date June 18) 12:30 PM *Sign-up Required	Touch-A-Truck & Clean Communities Event	Mendham Borough Public Library	Mendham Borough Public Library
June 23—August 1 (Closed July 4)	Mendham Borough Day Camp	Borough Park Mountain & Park Aves	Borough of Mendham Recreation Department
Tuesday Evenings in Summer 6:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.	Free Yoga in the Park	Borough Park Mountain & Park Aves Old T-Ball Field	Mendham Yoga Instructors
Sunday, June 29 6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m.	Sunday Concert Series: Carnaby Street (60s Pop)	Borough Park Gazebo Mountain & Park Aves	Borough of Mendham Recreation Department
Sunday, July 13 6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m.	Sunday Concert Series: Country Comfort (Country)	Borough Park Gazebo Mountain & Park Aves	Borough of Mendham Recreation Department
Sunday, July 20 6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m.	Sunday Concert Series: Catz N’ Dawgs (Classic Rock)	Borough Park Gazebo Mountain & Park Aves	Borough of Mendham Recreation Department
Wednesday, July 23 6:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.	Summer Family Game Night	Botti Field	Borough of Mendham Recreation Department
Thursday, July 31 7:30 p.m.	Mendham Day Camp “After Dark” Red vs. Blue results	Borough Park Gazebo Doubleday Field Mountain & Park Aves	Borough of Mendham Recreation Department
8:30 p.m.	Drive-In Movie: WICKED	Borough Park Lenape Field	Borough of Mendham Recreation Department
Wednesday, August 6 6:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.	Summer Family Game Night	Botti Field	Borough of Mendham Recreation Department
Sunday, August 10 5:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.	Sunday Concert Series: This Old Engine (Grateful Dead Cover band)	Borough Park Gazebo Mountain & Park Aves	Borough of Mendham Recreation Department
Friday, August 29- Monday, September 1	Annual Pastime Club Labor Day Carnival	Borough Park Mountain & Park Aves	Pastime Club
Monday, September 1 10 a.m.	Labor Day Parade	East Main St. & Mountain Ave Viewing Stand at the Borough Park Gazebo	Borough of Mendham
11 a.m.	Labor Day Concert	Borough Park Gazebo Mountain & Park Aves	Borough of Mendham
9 p.m.	Labor Day Fireworks	Borough Park	Pastime Club

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Borough Events in June 2025

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

Council: 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 11; 7 p.m. Monday, June 23

ECOSST: 7:30 p.m. Monday, June 2

Historic Preservation Commission: 7:30 p.m. Monday, June 16

Joint Land Use Board: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 17

Board of Health: 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 19

Recreation Committee: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 19

Borough Schools Board of Education:

7 p.m. Tuesday, June 17, Hilltop School Cafeteria

Mendham Day Camp Opens: Monday, June 23

Summer Concert Series:

Sunday, June 29, 6:30 p.m.: Carnaby Street

Recycling: Thursdays, June 5, 12, 19, 26

Curbside Bulk Pickup: Mondays, June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Mendham Day Camp 2025

We cannot wait to see you!

June 23-August 1

Spaces are still available!



Regular Registration (May 28-June 17) \$158

Walk Up Registration (June 18- June 22) \$184

Scan the QR Code or visit [http://](http://www.mendhamdaycamp.com/camp-registration.html)

www.mendhamdaycamp.com/camp-registration.html to sign up.

Any questions or concerns, please contact the Recreation Director, Aubrey Egerter, at aegertermendhamnj.org.



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