



# THE MENDHAM MESSENGER

The Newsletter for Mendham Borough

June 2026

## Letter From the Mayor

### Dear Residents and Businesses:



I hope this message finds you well. I'm writing to share a few important updates and encourage open communication as we continue working together to keep our Borough residents informed, engaged, and moving forward.

### Capital Budget Transparency

The Borough is committed to maintaining full transparency when it comes to the capital budget. In 2007, the Borough had a capital debt of \$5.57 million. Currently, we still have some of that old 2007 debt left, \$633,000, and have been working hard to pay it off each year. Since 2019, when I first started on Council, and now as Mayor, through prudent fiscal management and aggressive grant funding we have not had to borrow funds for capital projects other than the necessary new fire truck. Including this year's re-paving we will have paved 25 roads—10.4 miles or 39.5% of Borough roadway miles. The County maintains Main St, Tempe Wick and Hilltop Roads. If you have any questions about current or planned projects, funding, or expenditures, please don't hesitate to reach out. Your questions are important, and we make every effort to provide clear, thorough answers so our residents understand how resources are being used in our community.

### Stay Connected & Ask Questions

We encourage residents to stay involved and informed about everything happening in the Borough. If there's something on your mind—whether it's a concern, idea, or request for clarification—please reach out. Open dialogue helps us serve you better.

### Sunday Summer Concerts in the Park

Our popular Summer Concerts in the Park series starts June 28th at 6:30pm with Carnaby Street, a 60's Pop Band. For the full schedule and details, please visit the Borough's website.

### Recycling & Bulk Pickup Information

The contract for these services was re-bid this year. The schedule will remain the same, but the contractor has changed. The new hauler is Affordable Cartage. Please remember to check out RecyclingCoach.com.

### Sisters of Charity

I have made several attempts to set up a meeting with the Sisters of Charity to discuss the communities' concerns, and I am still trying to get a response.

### Summer Day Camp

Day Camp Season is just around the corner! Registration is now open, and we encourage families to sign up early to secure a spot.



### Check Out the 2026 Community Recreation & Information Guide



### Upgrade of Main St & Hilltop Rd Traffic Light

The Borough is working with the County to upgrade the traffic light at Main St and Hilltop Rd. The County has agreed to fund 70% of the cost and will complete the engineering for the three-year project. A big thank you to the County Engineer, Borough Administrator, Marilyn Althoff, Safety Committee Chair, Safety Director Bill Craig, and OIC Acting Police Captain Pat McNichol for their leadership and work on this project.

### Congratulations Grads!

Congratulations to our High School Grads. This milestone marks the end of one chapter and the exciting beginning of another! Best wishes to our 8th graders on their new High School journey.

### Thank You Patty Jones, our UPS Lady!

I want to sincerely thank and recognize Patty Jones, who is retiring after 27 years with UPS delivering packages to our homes and businesses in Mendham. Her cheerful delivery style and smile will be greatly missed.

### Stay Informed

To receive timely updates, reminders, and important announcements, please sign up for Borough News through our website. It's the best way to stay connected with everything happening in our community. For the Mendham Messenger via email, scan the QR Code.



Thank you for your continued engagement and support. Together, we can ensure our Borough remains a great place to live, work, and enjoy.

With Gratitude,

*James R. Kelly*

Mayor James "Jim" R. Kelly

### Need to Report a Code Concern?

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



## Mendham Borough Library and the Somerset Patriots Fundraiser

**Sunday, July 12 at 1:00 p.m.**

### **Somerset Patriots Stadium**

Bring the family to the game to support our library and watch the Somerset Patriots play the Reading Fightin Phils! Tickets cost \$20 each. Special lineup includes a pregame senior stroll around the ballpark and a princess and pirate parade. Kids run the bases post-game! Tickets are limited so get yours today!



## Summer Book Sale—Book Donations Wanted

The Library will have another amazing Book Sale in August. Please donate new and gently used books to the library that we can use in the book sale. We are interested in children's books, young adult books and books for adults. Please do not donate text books or reference books (encyclopedias). Thank you in advance for your donations!

## 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, June 5, 19, 1 p.m.**

All levels welcome!

### **Coloring Club**

**Monday, June 15, 6:30 p.m.**

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

### **Book Club**

**Friday, June 26, 10 a.m.**

*My Friends*

by Fredrik Backman  
Book Club will be on hiatus in July and August.

## June Adult Programs

### **Adult Summer Reading Kickoff Party and Book Swap!**

**Thursday, June 4, 6:30 p.m.**

We're kicking off our Adult Summer Reading program with a fun night of book swapping! Here's how it works:

bring 1 book, leave with 1 book. Bring

2 books, leave with 2 books. The more you bring, the more you can take.

We'll have sips and snacks, giveaways, a bookmark-making station, and more!

Plan to sign up for Adult Summer Reading at the event.

We will raffle off great prizes each month of the summer.

The more you read this summer, the more chances to win!



### **Mostly Motown: Concert on the Patio**

**Wednesday, June 17, 6:00 p.m.**



Experience a riveting live performance by Rhonda Denet. Featuring the iconic hits you know and love, get ready to enjoy a soulful celebration of Motown music at its best!

### **America at 250: Reflections with The Honorable Ken MacKenzie**

**Wednesday, June 24,  
6:30 p.m.**



Join esteemed retired New Jersey Superior Court Judge and local historian Kenneth C. MacKenzie for an insightful look at Morristown's pivotal role in the American Revolution. This presentation explores the strategic significance of Washington's 1776–1777 winter encampment and how the Continental Army leveraged the area's secure landscape to establish a vital headquarters.

### **Adult Crafting Club – Patriotic Floral Arrangements**

**Monday, June 8, 12:00 p.m.**

Celebrate the summer with American spirit! Design a vibrant red, white, and blue floral arrangement.



## June Fletcher Gallery

The Fletcher Gallery is delighted to feature an installation by Edward Obermueller Fine Art. Edward's work is a vibrant fusion of texture and emotion, drawing from a lifelong dedication to both visual art and classical music.

## June and July Children's Programs

### **Toddler Sing-Along**

*Mondays, June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; July 6, 13, 20, 27; 10:30 a.m.*

Join us for some fun songs!



### **Babies and Books**

*Fridays, June 5, 12, 26 (closed June 19); July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 10:30 a.m.*

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

### **Design a Puzzle**

*Wednesday, June 4, 3:30 p.m.*

Paint and create your own wooden puzzle.

### **LEGO Club**

*Tuesday, June 9, 3:30 p.m.*

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



### **Touch a Truck**

*Tuesday, June 16, 12:30-2:00 p.m.*



Check out our awesome Mendham DPW vehicles.

Popsicles will be served and Mendham Clean Communities will be giving out books!

### **Cloud Slime Workshop (5+)**

*Tuesday, June 23, 2:00 p.m.*

Make amazing slime with us!



### **Snakes-N-Scales (3+)**

*Wednesday, June 24, 3:00 p.m.*

Dive into a world of reptiles with lizards, turtles, and snakes from both near and far and learn the simple things we can do to make the world a better place for us and our scaly friends.

Sponsored by Mendham Borough Library Clean Communities.

### **Summer Family Bingo**

*Wednesday, July 1, 5:30 p.m.*

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



### **Eyes of the Wild**

*Tuesday, July 7, 3:30 and 4:00 p.m.*

*Brookside Community Club*

Meet some awesome creatures and see how animals from around the globe depend on the world we share.



Sponsored by Morris County Clean Communities

### **Bubble Party**

*Wednesday, July 8, 4:00 p.m.*

Join us for some outside fun as we enjoy bubbles and popsicles together on the Library Patio.



### **Squeegee Art (5+)**

*Tuesday, July 14, 2:00 p.m.*

Make amazing art with paint and squeegees!



### **Plantersaurus Dinosaur Terrariums with Zoophoria (5+)**

*Wednesday, July 15, 2:00 p.m.*

Design a terrarium with rocks, dirt, and plants to create a habitat for your chosen dinosaur toy. Sponsored by Morris Arts.



### **Diggin' for Dinosaurs, Rockin' Rocks, & Crystal Creations with the Science Man (6-10)**

*Wednesday, July 22, 4:00 p.m.*

Dig for dinosaurs, make fossilized plaster replicas of dinosaur teeth and sea creatures, unearth some fascinating facts about rocks, minerals, and crystals, and break open geodes to discover crystals!



### **Kids Summer Painting Workshop (5+)**

*Wednesday, July 29, 2:00 p.m.*

Create a beautiful summery painting. Sponsored by Morris Arts.

## Summer Reading is Here!

### **Summer Reading Buddies**

**June 14—August 1**

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

### **Kids Summer Reading Program (ages 11 and under)**

**June 14—August 1**

Register, pick up a reading log to track your reading, and collect tickets to win prizes. Keep track of your reading at home. **Last day for entries is Wednesday, August 6.**

### **Adult Summer Reading**

**June—August**

Register, pick up a free library tote, read great books, and review for a chance to win fabulous prizes! Don't forget our Adult Reading Summer Kickoff Party and Book Swap! (See Page 2.)

### **Teen Summer Reading Bingo (ages 12-18)**

**June 12—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.



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### Did You Know?

The Mendham Borough Library has you covered for all of your students' summer reading books. We have dedicated Summer Reading book collections by grade based on the local school lists. Stop by to pick up the books you need. Check out time is limited to two weeks per book to allow many to access the required reading collection.

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### New Passes for Our Patrons

**MacCulloch Hall Historical Museum:** Enjoy free admission for 2 adults and 4 children. As we prepare to celebrate 250 years of American independence, there is no better time to visit this historically significant Morristown home.

**Jenkinson's Aquarium in Point Pleasant:** Experience the wonder and beauty of a variety of marine life and other wildlife. Up to two (2) free admission vouchers per family while supplies last.

And don't forget we still carry passes for the **Morris Museum** and **Fosterfields**. You must be a Mendham Borough Library patron to reserve passes.

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The Library will be closed on Friday, June 19.

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### Coming Up

**Support the Library at the Somerset Patriots Ballpark—Sun., Jul. 12**

**Paint & Sip: Beach—Wed., Jul. 29, 6:30 p.m.**

**Zentangle Workshop—Wed., Aug. 12, 6:00 p.m.**

**Book Sale—Fri. and Sat., Aug. 28 and 29 (See page 2)**

**From Great Estates to Public Gardens—Wed., Sept. 16, 5:30 p.m.**

**Mendham Borough Library Fall Fundraiser—Sat., Sept. 26**

**Art in Chocolate—Wed., Sept. 30, 6:00 p.m.**



# Congratulations to Our Mendham Boro 2026 Graduates!



## Hilltop Elementary School

Catalina Ayala; Matthew Balsky; Emily Benigno; Abbie Boulton; Brodie Carty; Kelly Arlett Casasanero; Michael Cross; Greer DelGigante; Eden Desmond; Siena Downs; Claire Durkin; Elizabeth Durkin; Sloan Fenstermaker; Jordan Gardner; Madeline Gulley; Charles Hoffman; Wesley Kanda; Cole Kuchinski; Brion Lamaj; Eleanor Luke; Patrick Lynch; Brielle Malanga; Declan Malone; Margaret Martinez; Owen Miller; Evelyn Modoski; Sullivan Myrow; Harper Nichol; Caden O'Hara; Anaya Patel; Aria Patel; John Perna; Mitchell Roberts; Delaney Rutt; Penelope Shah; Ethan Shofe; Connor Smyth; Alysia Sostre; Joseph Spiegel; Charlotte Straub; Finley Straub; Stephen Sudovar; Olivia Trialonas; Steevens Velasquez Herrera; Mailen Viteri Palacios; Lucas Wojcik; Brandon Wu



## Mountain View Middle School

Kassandra Antoine; Harper Arena; Sadie Baum-Wilson; Sophie Beley; Rohan Bera; Evah Brooks; Paul Bunney; Bryson Cantafio; Eliza Carty; Reagan Catalini; Lochlan Clark; John Patrick Connolly; Lana Varya Curtil; Alexander D'Avi; Keziah Densel; Jack Duffy; Sophia Ferrara; Reese Fjelstad; Constanza Gadola; Louis Garin; Nathaly Gomez; Natalie Harrelson; Zachary Hoch; Callie Idle; Carson Idle; Maxine Kanda; Addison Kay; Zaira Khan; Anika Largman; Lea Mohally; Ellie Morris; Jack Mueller; Matthew Mullany; Ciara Murphy; Brynn Philipsen; Jack Pittenger; Jason Schutzman; Avery Shofe; Stella Tuohy; Mary Tuthill; Stuart Varro; Alexander Vazquez; Bryan Velasquez- Herrera; Brian Walsh; Lila Weaver



## West Morris Mendham High School

Elijah Ager; Zoya Ayub; Sophia Babits; Indra Balakrishnan; Breanna Barter; Clayton Borchard; Victoria Borchard; Joseph Carangelo; Ava Caulfield; Matthew Cibort; Troy D'Agostino; Alexa Epitropakis; Andrew Epitropakis; Carlos Espin; Claire Fisher; Drew Gannon; James Gillard; Craig Guarente; Beckett Harley; Allison Jefferys; Anthony Khakhiashvili; Shea Kraft; Mary Kris; Patrick Kris; Hudson Loures; Anastasia Malikov; Daniel Malikov; Phoebe Marszalek; Brooke Morris; Kaiya Morris; Cameron Muir; Jack Mullee; Saya Neff; Natalie Payne; Sophie Pyznar; Catherine Rice; Wanadi Salas Gomez; Joshua Simonsen; Eilidh Stewart; Kevin Stroup; Teo Valianatos; Samantha Varela; Abigail Zacccone; Nicholas Zawadiwsky

## 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 and 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](http://www.mendhamnj.org) for more details.



## Mendham Boro Summer Day Camp Registration is Open!

The Mendham Borough Summer Day Camp is back starting on June 22nd, 2026. Register by June 17th for the regular registration rate of \$161/week. We also want to spread the word on a few special events this year.



First, get ready for bowling every

Thursday for our 5th and 6th graders at Pastime Lanes and walking library trips every Tuesday for kindergarten and 1st grade! Enjoy our other special events including a water slide, dunk tank, and reptile show!

Mendham Day Camp welcomes school-aged children who will be enrolled in kindergarten through 6th grade for the 2026-2027 school year. Our day starts at 9:00 am and ends at 12:30 pm. It starts the camper's day off right and leaves plenty of time for other summertime activities! For more information, including weekly themes and to see pricing, go to: <http://www.mendhamdaycamp.com/>.



## Mendham TV Needs You!



We are seeking enthusiastic volunteer camera

operators and editors - both seasoned professionals and eager novices. We offer a stipend for those with experience, and we can train those who want to learn. Let your creativity shine and make a meaningful impact for Mendham – come be a part of our team!

Contact us at

[info@mendhamtv.org](mailto:info@mendhamtv.org).



BOROUGH OF MENDHAM

## 2026 SUNDAY SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

BOROUGH PARK, MENDHAM NJ  
6:30- 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY EVENING

28  
JUNE

**CARNABY STREET**  
AMERICA 250<sup>TH</sup> CONCERT  
60S POP, RAIN DATE SEP 7



**CATZ N' DAWGZ**  
ROCK, RAIN DATE JULY 26

12  
JULY

19  
JULY

**THE COWBOY & HIPPIE**  
COUNTRY AND CLASSIC  
ROCK, RAIN DATE AUG 2



**THIS OLD ENGINE**  
\*5:00 - 8:00 P.M SHOW  
GRATEFUL DEAD COVER  
BAND, RAIN DATE AUG 30

23  
AUG



scan QR code for more info

TUESDAYS IN THE SUMMER  
STARTING JUNE 23RD  
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM  
AT THE OLD T- BALL FIELD

COME TO THE PARK TO MOVE AND BREATHE  
SOME FRESH AIR IN A QUIET SPACE AT THE  
FAR END OF BORO PARK.

THIS COMMUNITY EVENT WELCOMES ALL  
AGES, ABILITIES AND EXPERIENCE LEVELS.  
BRING YOUR MAT OR TOWEL, WATER AND  
ANY PROPS YOU LIKE.



## 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, scan the QR Code or check out your Mendham Borough Recreation Booklet on the town website at <https://tinyurl.com/2026BoroRecBooklet>.



Date/Time	Event	Location	Sponsor
June 22—July 31 (Closed July 3)	Mendham Borough Day Camp	Borough Park Mountain & Park Aves	Borough of Mendham Recreation Department
Tuesday Evenings in Summer Starts June 23 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 28 6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m.	Sunday Concert Series: Carnaby Street (60s Pop) <b>Special America 250th Concert and Potluck</b>	Borough Park Gazebo Mountain & Park Aves	Borough of Mendham Recreation Department
Sunday, July 12 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
Sunday, July 19 6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m.	Sunday Concert Series: The Cowboy & Hippy (Country and Classic Rock)	Borough Park Gazebo Mountain & Park Aves	Borough of Mendham Recreation Department
Wednesday, July 22 6:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.	Summer Family Game Night	Botti Field	Borough of Mendham Recreation Department
Thursday, July 30 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: How to Train Your Dragon (2025)	Borough Park Lenape Field	Borough of Mendham Recreation Department
Wednesday, August 5 6:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.	Summer Family Game Night	Botti Field	Borough of Mendham Recreation Department
Sunday, August 23 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, September 4- Monday, September 7	Annual Pastime Club Labor Day Carnival	Borough Park Mountain & Park Aves	Pastime Club
Monday, September 7 10 a.m.	Labor Day Parade	East Main St. & Mountain Ave Viewing Stand at the Borough Park Gazebo	Borough of Mendham
12 p.m.	Labor Day Concert	Borough Park Gazebo Mountain & Park Aves	Borough of Mendham
9 p.m.	Labor Day Fireworks	Borough Park	Pastime Club

## Borough Events in June 2026

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

**Council:** 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 3; 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 17

**ECOSST:** 7:30 p.m. Monday, June 1

**Historic Preservation Commission:** 7:30 p.m. Monday, June 15

**Joint Land Use Board:** 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 16

**Board of Health:** 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 18

**Recreation Committee:** 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 18

**Borough Schools Board of Education:**

7 p.m. Tuesday, June 16, Hilltop School Cafeteria

**Mendham Day Camp Opens:** Monday, June 22

**Summer Concert Series:**

Sunday, June 28, 6:30 p.m.: Carnaby Street

**Recycling:** Thursdays, June 4, 11, 18, 25

**Curbside Bulk Pickup:** Mondays, June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

## Mendham Borough Facilities Requests

The Borough of Mendham is proud of the parks and open spaces available for the community to enjoy. Please scan the QR code and take a moment to look into all that the Borough Parks have to offer and their vibrant history. We hope you find a new park to explore!



Looking to reserve a Mendham Boro Park tennis court, sports field, or facility for your summer event? Make sure to scan the QR code to reserve your space!



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