



Letter From the Mayor

Well, It's Summertime and the Living is Easy!

I hope everyone has a safe 4th of July and has fun celebrating our 249 years of Independence in the United States. Before you know it, we will be preparing for the nation's 250th birthday. Now that we are in the full swing of summer, it should be filled with summer jobs, home projects, spending a lot of time outdoors exploring our town, and the long-awaited family vacation.

I would like to congratulate Brian Valliere, who is the Superintendent of our Water Reclamation Facility on Ironia Rd. Brian, through hard work, on the job training, and studying, has passed the State testing and is now Mendham Borough's Certified Class 3 Operator. So, when you flush your toilet or let water go down the drain, we can all thank Brian for keeping us and our environment safe.

Lawn Cutting Ordinance

All property owners should know that the Borough of Mendham has a lawn cutting ordinance. This is in place to help ensure that we keep our properties maintained and looking neat, not only for ourselves but for our neighbors.

Update on NJ State Mandated Builders Wealth and High-Density Housing Bill

The Save Mendham organization has initiated legal action against the Joint Land Use Board (JLUB) regarding the Vee Fee State- and Court-mandated Affordable Housing Project behind King's. The JLUB is a volunteer citizen-appointed Board created by State Law. It oversees site plan approval and variances per State Law and local codes. It appoints its own land use attorney who attends all meetings as well as the Borough State Certified Planner and Engineer. While details of the litigation remain limited, one certainty is that the cost of defending the Joint Land Use Board will be a significant financial burden on taxpayers.

Meanwhile, development is progressing on the St. John/Daytop Property on West Main Street. Keep

an eye on updates as more information becomes available.

Update on Mendham Borough and LLRP Lawsuit Against Affordable Housing Directive

The Borough of Mendham, alongside the Local Leaders for Responsible Planning (LLRP), has successfully challenged the provisions of the affordable housing directive in court. The ruling invalidates key provisions of the directive and mandates that the judiciary issue new guidance on affordable housing obligations.

This decision marks a significant victory for municipalities advocating for responsible planning and fair housing policies. As the legal process unfolds, further updates will clarify how this ruling impacts local development and housing requirements.

Phoenix House Re-Opens

The Borough staff have started to move out of the cozy Bowers Building and back into the freshly renovated Phoenix house. Our staff have been re-established in the New Old Space. It was a tremendous amount of work with a lot of snags that can come up during construction and renovation. The transition marks a fresh chapter in a familiar space. Feel free to stop by, take a look around, and say hello.

New Playground

In other news, Mendham has secured a reimbursable grant from the State of New Jersey to fund equipment and installation for a new playground at The Botti Pavilion at West Field. The playground will feature swings, spin bowls, and climbing blocks. Stay tuned for updates on the project's start date.

Summer Events

Summer in Mendham wouldn't be complete without music and movies under the stars. The Borough Park summer concert series kicks off on June 29, with additional performances on July 13, July 20, and August 10. Mark your calendar for Movie in the Park on July 31. Check the borough website for details on featured bands and films. Bring your blankets, chairs, and refreshments for a fun, relaxed evening outdoors.

Stay informed—sign up for Nixle to receive important Borough announcements and emergency alerts.

Respectfully,
Mayor Jim Kelly



Scan the QR Code or visit tinyurl.com/LansfordInterview for an interview with Mayor Kelly by WMMHS student Ella Lansford

Summer Reading

Summer reading at the library is off to a fantastic start! We have activities, programs, and books for all ages! Our Kids Summer Reading bookshelf is full of books that are on the Hilltop, Mountain View, and WMMHS summer reading lists.

Please bring your student to the library to choose one or more books to read this summer.

Our kids' summer reading program is back with opportunities to enter to win great prizes, including tickets to Dorney Park and Medieval Times! Teens can participate in summer reading bingo and enter for chance to win gift certificates to local businesses. Adults can get in on the fun as well, by entering our adult summer reading bingo and have the chance to win a prize when we draw a name in June, July, and August.

Our calendar is packed with fun activities for kids and informative programs for adults. Sign up early to secure a spot to attend one of these events.

Bayonne Golf Club Fundraiser



Thursday, August 7, 1:00 Shotgun Start

Join us for a golf outing at the exclusive, world-ranked Bayonne Golf Club to support the Mendham Borough Library. \$1,000 per golfer price includes greens fees and caddie fees, including tips, on

course beverage and snack stations, all day premium open bar, and a lavish buffet dinner. Registration begins at 11:00 a.m. with a Shotgun start at 1:00 p.m. Locker room access, driving range and putting greens open at 11:00 a.m. There are only 40 spots available for this private course. 100% of profits go to our 501(c)3 library. \$200 per ticket is tax deductible.



July Adult Programs

Raising Backyard Chickens

Wednesday, July 23, 6:30 p.m.

Learn all there is to know about how to raise backyard chickens from expert Nick Eckert. He will teach us how to set up a safe chicken coop and how to raise and protect your chickens. Also meet a live chicken!



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

Friday, July 18, 1 p.m.

All levels welcome!

Coloring Club

Monday, July 21, 6:30 p.m.

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

Book Club

is on hiatus for July and August.

Fletcher Gallery

The Fletcher Gallery in July will feature a variety of artwork by local Morris County artists under the theme of "There is a Story Here."

Did You Know?

Traveling to a new country this summer?

Learn the key phrases you need to know before you go—for free! Mango

Languages is a free app you can download

through our website. Learn languages in a fun and efficient way with real-life conversations, native-speaker audio and cultural context so you can speak like a local. Choose from 70 languages!



Mendham Borough Library

will be closed on
Friday, July 4.



Please register for all programs at www.mendhamboroughlibrary.org.

July Children's Programs

Toddler Sing-Along

Mondays, July 7, 14, 21, 28, 10:30 a.m.

Sing some fun songs with us!

Babies and Books

Fridays, July 11, 18, 25 (Closed July 4), 10:30 a.m.

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

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!

Coming Up

Read to a Dog—Wed., Aug. 6, 4pm

Mendham Borough Library Golf Outing: Bayonne Golf Club—

Thurs., Aug. 7, Shotgun Start at 1:00 p.m.

The Art of Calligraphy—Aug. TBD

Congratulations to the 2025 Mendham High School Graduates from Mendham Borough!

Kristin Ackerman; Philip Alfano; Kenneth Allaway; Ryan Alperin; Kenneth Barnicle; Ian Braun; Elliette Clark; Timothy Cocuzza; William Cooper; Otavio De Castro Soares; Max Dellaratta; Sullivan Dunn; Jacob Fehnel; Michael Geller; Anthony Greco; Declan Higgins; Kaleb Idle; Charlie Jurist Baus; Reagan Kelly; Drew Kervick; Maxton Kilroy; Kevin King; Henry Kinniburgh; Charlotte Kochis; Olivia Kollar; Robert Limitone; John McChesney; Maylene Mendoza; Cameron Miller; Molly Murphy; Emma Nicholson; Fiona O'Neill; Kaitlin Pabon; Joseph Pacheco; Elizabeth Panfile; Ned Panfile; Preston Paone; Cameron Parrinello; Ethan Payne; Riley Pierson; Caterina Pisani; Cooper Politan; Alexander Pyznar; William Pyznar; Aidan

Reilly; Jessey Rejano; Sabrina Rocca; Peter Rooney; Kaitlyn Rostiac; Angela Savino; Adam Scharfenberg; Stellina Strange; Sviatoslav Stupkin; Anna Talis; Ella Tufariello; Ryan Tweedie; Blake van Deventer; Evan Vongas; Sean Wear; Allison Wise; Alexander Wong; Christopher Zelaya Vasquez

Mendham Area Senior Transportation

Need a Ride? We Give Rides!

- ◆ 60 years of age and older
- ◆ Doctor appointments in Morris County
- ◆ Food shopping at Chester Shop Rite
- ◆ Errands in the Mendhams
- ◆ Donations welcome

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Borough Events in July, 2025

Borough Offices will be closed Friday, July 4

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

Council: 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 16

ECOSST: 7:30 p.m. Monday, July 7

Joint Land Use Board: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 15

Recreation Committee: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 17

Historic Preservation Commission: 7:30 p.m. Monday, July 21

Concerts in the Park:

Sunday, July 13, 6:30 p.m. **"Country Comfort"**

Sunday, July 20, 6:30 p.m. **"Catz N' Dawgs"**

Summer Family Game Night: Wednesday, July 23, 6:00 p.m., Botti Field

Summer Drive-In Movie—*Wicked*: Thursday, July 31, 8:30 p.m., Lenape Field

Recycling: Thursdays, July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Curbside Bulk Pickup: Mondays, July 7, 14, 21, 28

Mendham TV Needs You!

Mendham TV is looking for volunteers—adults and students—to get involved in filming, editing and creating programming, and all aspects of running a public access station. We have professional grade cameras, or you can use your iPhone.

Mendham TV is working hard behind the scenes on a relaunch and we'd love for you to be a part of it. Contact info@mendhamtv.org to learn about the opportunities to get involved with your local TV station!



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