



THE MENDHAM MESSENGER



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The Borough of Mendham Community Newsletter

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Letter From the Mayor



I hope everyone is having an enjoyable and memorable summer and had a safe and fun 4th of July, celebrating the 250th Anniversary of our Nation. I want to thank the MBA for providing the Main Street 250th Banners and the Library and Mayor's Historic Committee for showcasing student artwork celebrating America's 250th and the Borough's 120th,

as well as the committee's work on the 250th.

Mendham continues its proud, longstanding tradition of bringing residents together through community events and celebrations. This year's festivities include the 83rd Annual Labor Day Carnival, sponsored by the Pastime Club, and the Borough's annual Labor Day Parade, both taking place on September 7.

There is still time for groups, businesses, and organizations to join the parade. Antique, muscle, and convertible cars are welcomed! Entry forms are due August 24th and are on the Borough's website.

Please join us honoring this year's Parade Marshal, Marian Mundy. Marian has made a lasting contribution to Mendham through her decades of work as a journalist, feature writer, and volunteer on ECOSST and the Mendham Library Boards. For more than 40 years, she authored the beloved monthly column "Today's Mundy." Her writing has appeared in local papers and The New York Times.

Do not forget the Sunday Summer Concert Series continues August 23rd with This Old Engine, a Grateful Dead cover band performing from 5:00–8:00 PM at Borough Park. We encourage residents to enjoy the music and Mendham's tradition of summer gatherings.

A special thank you to the Mendham Creamery, Pastime Club, Mendham Library, Police, Fire, and First Aid Squad for their generous support of Mendham Day Camp this summer.

Recently, there have been questions about the Borough's year-end operating fund balances. It is important to understand that Borough revenue is received throughout the year—not all at once on January 1. As a result, the year-end operating fund balance carries forward providing the funds needed to operate the Borough until tax revenues and other income are collected.

The chart below shows the Borough's year-end operating fund balances as reported in the Annual Borough Audits approved by Council.

Based on the Borough's financial position and cash flow needs, our independent auditor has recommended maintaining a year-end operating balance between \$3.9 million and \$4.3 million. Keeping reserves within this range helps ensure the Borough remains financially

stable, maintains adequate cash flow throughout the year, and is well positioned to address unexpected expenses while continuing to provide essential services. The 2026 dip in the projected operating fund balance is due to the emergency replacement of the 40-year-old Police Department HVAC system in 2025. The State requires municipalities to fund emergency expenditures in the following year's budget.

Since becoming Mayor and previously serving as Council President and Chair of the Finance Committee, I have worked closely with the Borough Council to strengthen the Borough's financial position, build healthy operating fund reserves, and ensure the Borough remains on a sound financial footing. We have aggressively pursued grant opportunities since 2019, securing year-to-date \$6.5 million in grant funding to help support our budget, reduce the burden on taxpayers, and invest in our community.

As we look ahead to the coming months, we remain committed to maintaining the quality of life we all value here in Mendham and continuing to support the programs and services that bring our community together.

Mayor James R. Kelly

YEAR END AUDITED FUND BALANCES 12/31

2018	\$2,105,318
2019	\$1,967,039
2020	\$2,832,493
2021	\$2,581,021
2022	\$2,744,534
2023	\$3,413,321
2024	\$4,102,401
2025	\$4,411,259
2026*	\$4,333,181

*Projected

Messenger Digital Notifications

Scan the QR Code 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.



You Are Invited!

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, September 26 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. to attend our Fall Fundraiser, **"Dancing Under the Stars."** The evening will feature the live band, Invited Guests, dancing, hearty appetizers, cocktails, a silent auction, and basket auction at a beautiful home in Mendham Borough.



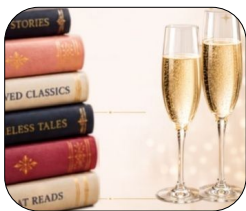
Please plan to attend to support the library and our community. Scan the QR Code to get your tickets.



Booksale Preview Cocktail Party

Thursday, August 27, 6:30 p.m.

Enjoy wine and cheese while shopping at our preview party! Be the first to shop our amazing book sale with titles available for \$1 and \$2 each. We have thousands of books for children and adults at our book sale. Your \$25 ticket gives you first pick of our incredible selection of books in every genre while enjoying drinks, light bites, and the opportunity to win an amazing door prize! Tickets can be purchased at the library or on our website.



Book Sale

Friday, August 28 – Saturday, August 29

Stop by to pick up great books at discounted prices (\$1 paperbacks and \$2 hardcovers). We have many recent bestsellers available and titles by Michael Connelly, John Grisham, Kristin Hannah, Barbara Kingsolver, Jojo Moyes, James Patterson, Louise Penny, Jodi Picoult, and Danielle Steel, plus many more!



Fletcher Gallery

In August the Fletcher Gallery will welcome the colorful art of local resident John Jamorski.

August Adult Programs

Art on the Patio - Mimsiprations: Zentangle® Workshop

Wednesday, August 12, 6:00 p.m.

Learn the meditative art of Zentangle with instructor Mimi Topping. The Zentangle Method is an easy-to-learn, relaxing, and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns.

This program is sponsored by a grant from Morris Arts.



Autism Awareness & Resource Session

Monday, August 17, 12:30 p.m.

Join us for a special program dedicated to families navigating an autism diagnosis. Led by Anvesha Bhagat, high school senior, autism advocate, and co-founder of Action Autism, this program is designed for children ages 2–12 and their caregivers.



March with us in the Labor Day Parade

Monday, September 7, 10:30 a.m.

All ages are welcome and encouraged to join us as we march in the Labor Day parade! Please attend and show your library support. Feel free to bring candy to give to the crowd.



Mendham Borough Library will be closed on
**Saturday, September 5 and
Monday, September 7.**

Did You Know?

The Mendham Borough Library often orders books based on holds placed by our patrons. If you are looking for a specific book and you do not see it in our collection, please place a hold on that book so that we know you are interested and can consider purchasing that title.

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

August Children's Programs



Toddler Sing-Along

Mondays, August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31,
(Closed Monday, September 7);
10:30 a.m.

Sing some fun songs with us!

Babies and Books

Fridays, August 7, 14, 21, 28; 10:30 a.m.

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

Lego Club

Wednesday, August 5, 4:00 p.m.

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



Beaded Backpack Critters

Wednesday, August 26 at 4:00 p.m.

Make your own beaded keychain buddy
to start the school year!



Don't Forget your Summer Reading Logs!

Each book you read gives you more chances to win!

Ages 11 and under runs through August 1 (last day for
entries is August 6). Teen Summer Bingo (ages 12-18)
runs through August 25. Adult Summer Reading runs
through August 31.



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, August 7, 21, 1 p.m.

All levels welcome!

Coloring Club

Monday, August 17, 6:30 p.m.

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

Book Club

Book Club is on hiatus

in July and August. Join us on Friday,
September 25, to discuss *The Girls
Who Grew Big* by Leila Mottley

Coming Up

Rutgers Master Gardener Speaker Presentation:

From Great Estates to Public Gardens

—Wed, Sept. 16, 5:30 p.m.

Mendham Borough Library Fall Fundraiser: Dancing

Under the Stars—Sat., Sept. 26, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Chocolate Lovers Rejoice—Wed., Sept.30, 6:00 p.m.

BOROUGH OF MENDHAM

SUNDAY SUMMER CONCERT SERIES 2026

**BOROUGH PARK
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM**

CARNABY STREET

JUNE 28TH

60s POP

AMERICA250 CELEBRATION
CONCERT

RAIN DATE SEPT. 7TH



THE COWBOY & HIPPIE

JULY 19TH

COUNTRY & ROCK

RAIN DATE AUG. 2ND

CATZ N' DAWGS

JULY 12TH

ROCK

RAIN DATE JULY 26TH



THIS OLD ENGINE

AUGUST 23RD

5:00-8:00PM

GRATEFUL DEAD
COVER BAND

RAIN DATE AUG. 30TH



SUPPORTED BY: MENDHAM BUSINESS ASSOCIATION AND MENDHAM MATHNASIUM

MATHNASIUM
The Math Learning Center

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22 AND AUG 5
6:00 - 7:00 PM

FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Make the most of these beautiful
summer evenings!
Join the Mendham Borough Recreation
Department at Botti Pavilion with a
variety of family-friendly yard games
and activities—perfect for all ages.

Including: Giant Jenga, Cornhole,
inflatable games, and more!

Location: Botti Pavilion and Upper Field

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Borough Events in August, 2026

Summer Family Game Night—6-7 p.m.

Wednesday, August 5

Summer Concert Series: This Old Engine—5-8 p.m.

Sunday, August 23

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

Council: 7 p.m. Wednesday, August 12

ECOSST: 7:30 p.m. Monday, August 3

Recreation Committee: 7:30 p.m. Thursday,
August 20

Historic Preservation Commission: 7:30 p.m.
Monday, August 17

Joint Land Use Board: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, August
18

Mayor's Historic Committee: 6 p.m. Wednesday,
August 26

Recycling: Thursdays, August 6, 13, 20, 27

Curbside Bulk Pickup: Mondays, August 3, 10, 17,
24, 31

Labor Day Parade

Monday, September 7, 10:00 a.m.

Grand Marshall

Marian Mundy

Theme

**250 Years of Freedom;
120 Years of Community**

Concert in the Gazebo

After the Parade

Fireworks

**Sponsored by the Pastime Club
Between 9:30 and 10:00 p.m.**



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