



# THE MENDHAM MESSENGER



October 2025

The Borough of Mendham Community Newsletter

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## Letter From the Mayor

### **Dear Mendham Borough residents and business owners,**

Seeing so many families and friends on the parade route, enjoying the moment and the beautiful weather, truly made Labor Day something special. We should all be grateful for the place we get to call home. Once again, I want to thank Aubrey Egerter, our Recreation Coordinator, for a great job with the parade, and extend a special thank you to the Mendham Pastime Club for all the volunteers and the incalculable hours contributed by its members to make the whole weekend and carnival a fun time for everyone. The Pastime Club and its members are incredibly generous with their time and contributions to this community. Congratulations to the lucky winner of the 50-50, they had a nice payday. To everyone else, better luck next year.

The Borough would also like to thank Jack and Jacelyn Botti for their generous donation to spruce up the Botti Pavilion at West Field. It was definitely time for some painting, and they were happy to facilitate that for the Borough.

### **Field Houses**

The bathrooms are locked at our field houses because in the past, and even recently, they have been vandalized, abused, and left in unsanitary and unusable conditions. This is unfortunate, and if anyone has a solution to prevent this, please let us know. Currently, the Carriage House and Botti Pavilion bathrooms are open only for scheduled events. For your comfort, there are porta-potties available daily at both parks and at Mountain Valley Pond. Keep an eye on the progress and resurrection of the Patriots' Path bathrooms. They have been shut down for 30 years, and we are currently working on getting them up and running again.

### **Main St Signage**

Around town, the Borough is replacing old, faded signage on Main Street. Our DPW Superintendent, Pete Hafemeister, managed to get the Firehouse and First Aid parking lots sealed for the winter to try and get a few more years out of them before they need to be repaved. The basketball courts also got a little love, with asphalt sealing and new lines. To help keep our outdoor spaces clean, if you see trash or garbage thrown on the ground by an inconsiderate person, feel free to pick it up and throw it away. It would be greatly appreciated.

### **Heroes**

As we mark the anniversary of September 11th, we pause to remember the nearly 3,000 innocent lives lost in the tragic attacks. Each life was precious, and each loss left a lasting

impact on families, communities, and our nation. We also honor the courageous first responders who ran toward danger that day, many of whom made the ultimate sacrifice in service to others. Their bravery continues to inspire us.

Here in Mendham, we are deeply grateful for our own heroes: our Mendham Borough Police Department, along with the members of our volunteer Fire Department and First Aid squad. Our first responders work tirelessly to keep our neighborhoods safe, respond to emergencies, and support residents in times of need. Their dedication and vigilance are a vital part of our community's well-being. I would also like to extend a special thank you to our Fire Department and First Aid Squad for their dedication to the Annual 9/11 Memorial Service along Main Street.

Let us take a moment to thank all these individuals, not just today, but throughout the year, for their service and sacrifice. I encourage all residents to express their appreciation, whether through a kind word, a note, or a simple gesture of thanks. Their commitment is a gift we should never take for granted.

### **Fencing Requirements**

A reminder to Mendham Borough homeowners: if you are planning to replace a fence or install a new one, please check in with the zoning official, Robert Rosendale ([RRosendale@mendhamnj.org](mailto:RRosendale@mendhamnj.org)), to confirm your project is compliant. Don't always take your contractor's word for it; this can save a lot of time and money.

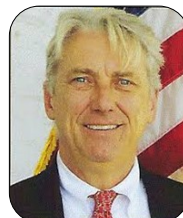
### **A Reminder**

As crazy as the world is, let's all try to help others, especially those who may need an extra pair of hands, an ear to listen, or a shoulder for support. Try to slow things down on the road or in the grocery line, and practice being in the moment, for it is better to comfort than to be comforted. Mendham residents have always had a tradition of helping others.

We want to wish all our students back in school good luck for a successful and fun year!

If you would like to receive the Mendham Messenger via email, please use the QR code to sign up.

Mayor Jim Kelly



## Get your Tickets to the Historic Holiday House Tour!

**Saturday, December 6, 11:00-3:00 p.m.**

The Mendham Borough Library is excited to bring back the cherished Historic Holiday House Tour fundraiser on Saturday, December 6th from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Get ready to step inside some of Mendham's most charming historic homes, beautifully decorated for the season. Tickets cost \$50 per person and are now on sale online or at the library. Please use the QR code to purchase tickets now.



## Library Spotlight

This month we want to give a shoutout to some of our unsung library heroes: Tom Brooks, Russell Gatzke, and Bill Nyquist. All three of these gentlemen give a tremendous amount of time and effort to maintaining our library.

Tom Brooks is a master craftsman and does woodworking projects for us, including reconfiguring magazine shelves into bookshelves, which creates space for us to have more books.

Russell Gatzke works tirelessly in our gardens, weeding, planting, and maintaining all of the new landscaping, and bringing us beautiful floral arrangements!

Bill Nyquist is an extremely talented craftsman and he has generously given his time over the last decade to complete numerous projects for the library. From updating locks and replacing lights to repairing equipment and every project in between, we know we can count on Bill to fix it!

Thank you, gentlemen! We appreciate you more than you can imagine!



## Did You Know?

Our library loan periods have changed. New books still have a two week loan period, but all other books have a 21 day loan period. DVD's have a 14 day loan period. All materials (except Kindles, and new items) will be automatically renewed unless there is a hold on that item. Use the QR Code to download the MAIN App to your phone so that you can easily check on your due dates, place holds and have quick access to your library card number and barcode.



## October Adult Programs

### **Mendham Fest**

**Saturday, October 4 from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

Please stop by the Mendham Borough Library booth for a great craft for the kids and to learn about upcoming library programs and services.

### **Paint and Sip Poppies**

**Monday, October 6, 5:00 p.m.**

Paint beautiful poppies on the patio with a glass of wine. \$5 registration fee required.



### **Make Seasonal Cocktails & Mocktails**

**Wednesday, October 15, 6:30 p.m.**

Olivia from Roaming Refreshments will give us a hands-on mixology class featuring cozy flavors like apple, caramel, maple, and rosemary!

### **Adult Crafting Club: Fall Decoupage Pumpkin**



**Thursday, October 9, 12:30 p.m.**

The perfect addition to your Autumn decor, this decoupage pumpkin is a joy to create!

### **Beginner Mahjong Group**

**Starts on Tuesday, October 7 at 10:00 a.m.**

**Registration required.**

This group is for beginner Mahjong players and those who want to learn how to play. Please bring a 2025 Mahjong card.

## 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.

### **Mahjong**

**Wednesdays, 1:00 p.m.**

For experienced players.

### **Canasta**

**Thursdays, 10 a.m.**

For experienced players.

### **In Stitches**

**Fridays, October 3 & 17, 1 p.m.**  
All levels welcome!

### **Coloring Club**

**Monday, October 20, 6:30 p.m.**

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

### **Book Club**

**Friday, October 24, 10 a.m.**

James

by Percival Everett

## October Children's Programs

### **Toddler Sing-Along**

***Mondays, October 6, 13, 20, 27,  
10:30 a.m.***

Sing fun songs with us!

### **Babies and Books**

***Fridays, October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31,  
10:30 a.m.***

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

### **Fire Safety**

***Saturday, October 11, 11:00 a.m.***

Meet a fireman, see the truck, and enjoy a slice as we learn about fire safety.



### **Diwali Lanterns**

***Wednesday, October 15, 3:30 p.m.***

Learn about the Hindi Festival of Lights and make a beautiful lantern craft.



### Coming Up

**Book Launch with Carol Van Den Hende  
and Guest Julie Mahoney—Wed., Nov. 5, 6:30 p.m.**

**What's It Worth? Antiques Roadshow—  
Wed., Nov. 12, 6:30 p.m.**

**Teen Bookpage Flowers (10+)—Wed., Nov. 19, 5:30 p.m.**

**Holiday House Tour—Sat., Dec. 6, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

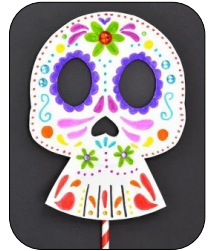
**Painting Together Workshop—Wed., Dec. 17, 4:00 p.m.**

**Wreath Making—TBD**

## **Dia de los Muertos Masks (5+)**

***Tuesday, October 21, 3:30 p.m.***

Learn about the Day of the Dead as we make our own Sugar Skull inspired masks.



## **Boo-Bash**

***Wednesday, October 29, 4:00 p.m.***

Wear your costumes and join us for some Halloween fun out in our Outside Learning Space. Play some spooky games and get a glow-in-the-dark temporary tattoo.



**TAG (Teen Advisory Group)**

### **Teen Spooky Origami**

Ages 10+

***Wednesday, Oct 8, 5:30 p.m.***

Come make some spooky origami with us.



**Mendham Borough Library will be  
closed on  
Monday, October 13.**

## Mendham Seniors Is Looking For New Members

Membership is open to residents of the Mendhams and surrounding communities aged 55 years or older who want to maintain an active lifestyle and:

- ♦ The opportunity to meet new people and form friendships.
- ♦ Become involved with a variety of activities such as games, exercise, and social activities.
- ♦ Trips to special events.
- ♦ Attend twice/monthly meetings with refreshments and programs.
- ♦ Promote community activities that benefit senior citizens.
- ♦ Information and assistance in accessing services for seniors.

The Club meets at 11 am on the 2nd & 4th Monday of each month at the Garabrant Center, 4 Wilson Street, Mendham, NJ 07945.

For more information, contact Mary Cillo at 973-400-7222, or [mary.cillo@cbmoves.com](mailto:mary.cillo@cbmoves.com).

## Borough of Mendham Shade Tree Commission 2025 Annual Fall Foliage Photo Contest

Send your Borough of Mendham Fall Foliage photos for your chance to win a tree, of your choice, to be planted in front of your home, and published on the Borough website! Be creative but remember the main subject should be trees. Photos must be of a local Borough of Mendham location and labeled with name of the location and photographer's name.

**Email photos to:** [dpw@mendhamnj.org](mailto:dpw@mendhamnj.org)

**Contest Ends:** November 15, 2025.

**Judges:** Shade Tree Commission



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#### Borough Events in October, 2025

- ◆ **Borough Offices will be closed Monday, October 13**
- ◆ **MENDHAMFEST! Saturday, October 4, 12:00-5:00 p.m.**

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

**Council:** 7 p.m. Wednesday, October 8; 7 p.m. Wednesday, October 22

**ECOSST:** 7:30 p.m. Monday, October 6

**Recreation Committee:** 7:30 p.m. Thursday, October 16

**Historic Preservation Commission:** 7:30 p.m. Monday, October 20

**Joint Land Use Board:** 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 21

**Recycling:** Thursdays, October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

**Curbside Bulk Pickup:** Mondays, October 6, 13, 20, 27

**Borough Schools Board of Education:**

7:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 28; Hilltop Elementary School Cafeteria

### Harvest Hustle 5K RUN/WALK & KIDS FUN RUN

October 4, 2025  
9:30 am Kids Fun Run  
10:00 am 5K  
Run/Walk

SIGN UP  
TODAY!



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