



THE MENDHAM MESSENGER



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The Borough of Mendham Community Newsletter

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Message From the Mayor



We are all starting to feel the change in season, and the look of fall is beginning to show its beauty with spectacular colors. Be aware that deer are entering rutting season and may be more active and unpredictable, so please stay alert

on the roads.

Don't Forget to Show Off Your Fall Foliage! The Shade Tree Commission wants to see your best shots of Mendham's stunning autumn colors. Share your favorite fall foliage photos with the Borough of Mendham for a chance to win a tree of your choice, planted right in front of your home. The winning photo will also be published on the Home Page of the Borough Website. **Contest ends November 15.** Submit your photos to **DPW@mendhamnj.org**. Let's celebrate the beauty of our community, one leaf at a time.

The Borough had a successful Harvest Hustle and Mendham Fest, enjoyed by a wonderful crowd with great weather, food, music, and drinks. Mendham Fest was started by former Mayor Serrano Glassner and Administrator Bushman, and it continues to evolve into a fun way for the town to come together and celebrate the end of summer and the beginning of fall. This year two large blow-up fun slides were added and giant yard games. It was great to see families enjoying the activities. A big thank you and shout out to the Mendham Fire Department for hosting the beer garden again this year. Thankfully, the recent Nor'easter did not create a major mess for Mendham. When the governor announced a State of Emergency for all 21 NJ counties, the Borough sent out notifications through its Nixle alert system to inform the public of the potential for rough weather. It is always better to be safe than sorry. If you haven't yet, scan the QR code to sign up for NIXLE!



One of the most nostalgic scenes for me, living in Mendham Borough, is seeing the Hilltop School children participate in the Halloween parade. This tradition has continued since I was a child at Hilltop School, and I truly enjoyed it when my own kids took part. It's a wonderful seasonal event that brings back cherished memories, and I hope it creates new ones for all of you as well.

I want to extend my sincere thanks to the leadership of the Public Safety Committee members **Neil Sullivan, Bruce LaFera and Chair Marilyn Althoff and Acting Captain McNichol** for their thoughtful ongoing dedication and collaboration with the community, and their efforts continue to strengthen the safety and well-being of our residents.

In response to **Mountain Avenue** residents' concerns about vehicle speeds, the Safety Committee requested a review of the posted speed limit. The Police Department deployed radar signs and conducted a traffic survey from June 13 through August 11, 2025, which counted 128,243 vehicles traveling Mountain Avenue. Based on the data collected and the Police Department Report the Safety Committee is recommending the speed limit to be reduced from 35 mph to 30 mph to enhance safety for all.

It's hard to believe the holidays are just around the corner. Thanksgiving offers a special moment to gather with family and friends and reflect on all that we're truly grateful for.

The Faith Leaders of Mendham Interfaith Food Pantry will be accepting Thanksgiving Meal donations on **Friday, November 8, from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Mendham United Methodist Church, 10 E Main Street**. Your donations and generosity can make a meaningful difference for local families this Thanksgiving season.

We're all especially thankful to live in our beautiful Borough of Mendham, where community spirit and kindness shine all year long. This Thanksgiving season reminds us not only to appreciate what we have, but also to extend a helping hand to those in need.

Wishing you a warm, peaceful, and joyful Thanksgiving.

James R. Kelly

Mayor "Jim" Kelly

Get your Tickets to the Historic Holiday House Tour!

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



Purchase tickets to support the Mendham Borough Library and step inside some of Mendham's most charming historic homes, beautifully decorated for the season. Start at the library, get your ticket, and begin your journey learning

interesting facts and stories about some of the historic homes in our lovely town. Tickets cost \$50 each and can be purchased at the library, on our website, or using the QR code.



Call for Holiday House Tour Volunteers!

The Mendham Borough Library is hosting a Historic Holiday House Tour on Saturday, December 6th and we're looking for friendly, enthusiastic docents to welcome guests and share fun facts about the homes. Volunteers will work a two-

hour shift and receive half-price tickets as a thank you!



If you're interested in helping bring this special event to life, please contact Rosemary D'Urso at circ-mnb@mainlib.org or scan the QR code to sign up.

Library Spotlight

Please join us in welcoming Amy Pini to the Mendham Borough Library staff. Amy is the new Head of Adult Programs, Publicity and Marketing. Attend one of our adult programs and meet Amy in person!

Amy is a former non-profit program manager experienced in public relations and marketing. She also worked as a substitute teacher at our local elementary and preschools. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her family and friends or reading a cozy mystery novel.



Did You Know?

Placing Books on Hold Benefits You and Your Library!

- ♦ Placing a hold on a title lets us know that there is interest in that book. This helps us determine what books to purchase.
- ♦ Our patrons with a hold get priority to receive our copy first.

Please place holds, and we will do our best to get you the books you want to read!

November Adult Programs

Book Launch with Carol Van Den Hende and Guest Julie Mahoney

Wednesday, November 5, 6:30 p.m.



Meet local author, Carol Van Den Hende and learn about her latest book, *Dear Orchid*, a collection of true stories and new fiction showing we are all connected by love, humor and hope. Julie Mahoney, author and founder/director of

WOMEN READING ALOUD, will interview Carol. Copies of the book will be available for purchase at the event.

What's It Worth? Antiques Roadshow

Wednesday, November 12, 6:30 p.m.

Bring one treasured item to this program and have Mike Ivankovich, Appraiser and Auctioneer, let you know its value and best resale options. Please note that not every item will be evaluated, but most will be.

Adult Crafting Club: Fall Leaf Luminary

Monday, November 10, 11:30 a.m.

Capture the season's beauty!

Join us to decoupage your own glowing Fall leaf luminary. All supplies provided, and no experience is needed.



Monthly Programs

Yoga via Zoom

**Tuesdays and Thursdays,
8:30 a.m.**

\$5 per class. Sign up by the month at the library.

Beginner Mahjong

Tuesdays, 10 a.m.

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, November 7 & 21, 1 p.m.

All levels welcome!

Coloring Club

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

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

Book Club

Friday, November 21, 10 a.m.

Small Things Like These
by Claire Keegan

November Children's Programs

Toddler Sing-Along

**Mondays, November 3, 10 17, 24,
10:30 a.m.**

Sing fun songs with us!

Babies and Books

**Fridays, November 7, 14, 21 (Closed
November 28), 10:30 a.m.**

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

Fox in the Forest Painting Workshop (5+)

Tuesday, November 4, 1:30 p.m.

Create your own Fox fall painting
with guest artist, Ms. Bernadine!!



Eyes of the Wild

**Thursday, November 13,
4 and 4:45 p.m.**

at Brookside Community Club

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



Gratitude Jars (7+)

Tuesday, November 25, 3:30 p.m.

Get into the Thanksgiving spirit and
decorate your own gratitude jar to fill
with little reminders of all the things you
are thankful for.



TAG (Teen Advisory Group)



Teen Bookpage Flowers (10+)



Wednesday, November 19, 5:30 p.m.

Make a beautiful bouquet of flowers out of old book pages!

**Mendham Borough Library will close at
2pm on Wednesday, November 26, and be
closed Thursday—Saturday,
November 27-29.**

Happy Thanksgiving!

Coming Up

Gingerbread House Workshop

—Wednesday, December 3, 3:30pm & 4:45pm

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

Adult Crafting Club: Mini Winter Hat Gift Toppers

—Mon., Dec. 8, 11:30 a.m.

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

Wreath Making—TBD

Adult Crafting Club: Snowflake Tote Bag

—Mon., Jan. 12, 11:30 a.m.

College Prep Workshop: Testing & Admissions

—Thurs., Jan. 15, 6:30 p.m.

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

Contest Ends: November 15, 2025.

Judges: Shade Tree Commission



Brush Pick-Up Program

The Borough of Mendham provides Brush Pick-up service as a convenience for its residents. The Brush Pick-up Program is for Borough homeowners only to assist in seasonal tree maintenance, brush clean-up and storm damage to trees. To schedule a pick-up, visit <https://tinyurl.com/MNBBush>.

Seniors Club Bus Trip

Christmas at the Playhouse 2025

December 5th, 2025

\$80 per member,

\$85 per guest

This year Hunterdon Hills

Playhouse is thrilled to

invite you to the magic of

your favorite Christmas skits, songs, costumes and sets. It's all about creating the perfect blend of Christmas tradition and holiday joy with those memorable moments that have always made our show so special. We look forward to sharing these heartwarming moments with you.



◆ The bus will depart at 10:00 a.m. and return around 5:00 p.m. at the Mendham Shopping Center/Kings Parking Lot.

◆ Includes transportation, lunch, dessert bar, and show.

◆ DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION: NOVEMBER 15, 2025

Tickets sell quickly due to limited space. Scan the QR code and send checks payable to "Mendham Seniors" to Mary Cillo, 47 Mountain Ave, Mendham, NJ 07945.



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Mendham, NJ 07945

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Borough Events in November, 2025

♦ **Borough Offices will be closed Tuesday, November 11, and Thursday and Friday, November 27 and 28**

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

Council: 7 p.m. Wednesday, November 5; 7 p.m. Wednesday, November 19

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

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

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

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

Recycling: Thursdays, November 6, 13, 20; Friday, November 28

Curbside Bulk Pickup: Mondays, November 3, 10, 17, 24

Borough Schools Board of Education:

7:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 18; Hilltop Elementary School Cafeteria



Please Join Us
For The

ANNUAL HOLLY TRAIL COMPLIMENTARY COOKIES & PHOTOS WITH SANTA

**RESERVATIONS
REQUIRED**



The Borough Of Mendham
Historic Phoenix House
Saturday~December 6th
11 AM-3:30 PM



2 West Main Street
Mendham, NJ 07945
973-543-7152
mendhamnj.org



Scan the QR Code to sign up for the
Mendham Messenger, or call Mendham
Borough Library at 973-543-4152.



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