

The Mendham Messenger

February 2021

Mayor's Update

Dear Residents and Business Owners,

Happy February! I hope you are getting all the information you need for COVID testing and vaccines. You can find a wealth of information and register for a vaccine at the NJ state website: covid19.nj.gov. Please remember to continue with all the required guidelines to keep you and your family healthy and safe.

Family Fun:

February is here and to brighten up our town in this cold month our Recreation Committee is running a "Decorate Your Door" contest for Valentine's Day. Dream up some festive attire for your door by creating some special Valentine's hearts, or wrapping it in red, or outlining it with lights. Make it a fun family activity! Over Valentine's Day weekend, starting on Friday, February 12, your Mayor, Council members and Recreation Committee members will drive throughout the town and take pictures of your crafty work. You can also email a picture of your fabulous new door to: recreation@mendhamnj.org. Stay tuned to the Borough website and social media sites. We will post a picture of the winning door the following week.

Department news:

What better way to show your love in February by showing your community that you care? I have written before about our First Aid Squad's volunteer needs. Given the limited number of active members on our squad, we need your help! Volunteering for the First Aid Squad is a real commitment so it's not for the faint of heart. Training is required, depending on how you can be of service. We need drivers for our ambulances, which requires lesser training and we need EMTs, which is for residents who want to have more active engagement. Without a steady team of volunteers, the future of our Squad cannot be guaranteed. Find out more information on their website: mendhamfirstaid.org.

Who's Who in Mendham:

Sometimes volunteers come from unlikely places. Jon Alperin got his start in volunteering for our First Aid Squad in 2014 after he saw them in action up

close. He was so impressed with our community members who answered the call of the alarm that he knew giving back to his community was for him. I was very honored to swear Jon in at our Borough Council Reorganizational meeting in January as our new **First Aid Captain**. Jon grew up on the east coast, living in towns from Vermont all the way to Maryland. In college he earned a computer science degree and then used that degree to continue his travels which took him to Dallas, Houston, and even Amsterdam. He is most proud that Mendham is the longest place he has ever called home; since 2001 he has lived here with his wife and son. When he is not helping America's economy as a corporate business development expert, he is busy taking his son to the movies and car shows or cooking up some delicious morsels on his Big Green Egg. We are grateful to have Jon at the helm of our Squad and he has these words to share, "We are a small community and there are dozens of ways to give back. It is wonderful to see how many people are really involved in community life." Give our First Aid Squad a call and see how you can get involved.

Coming up in Mendham:

You may have noticed a new traffic light on Route 24 at Ironia Road. That is a temporary light installed by Morris County. They are preparing to close Mountainside Road to rebuild the bridge. Once the project begins, they are estimating that it could take six months to complete. When it's finished, the County will remove the light.

Also, be on the lookout for the demolition of 12 West Main Street. The owner determined the building is unsalvageable and came before our Land Use Boards and Historic Preservation Commission and received approval to demolish the building. They will be installing a simple landscaping plan once it's razed, also approved by the Committees.

That's all for February in Mendham Borough! Check our website and Borough calendar daily for new notices.

Sincerely yours,

Christine Serrano Glassner
Mayor, Mendham Borough



Mendham Borough
LIBRARY

News from the Mendham Borough Library

10 Hilltop Road 973 543-4152 www.mendhamboroughlibrary.org

Virtual Monthly Adult Program

What's Cooking with Chef Theresa

Virtual International Cuisine Series

Co-hosted with Roxbury Library

February 2021: China: Scallion Pancakes

Date: Tuesday, February 9th from 4:00pm - 5:00pm
via Zoom

Break out your apron and cook along with Chef Theresa from Jeremiah's Catering, as we explore favorite recipes from around the world.

This month we will celebrate **cuisine from China** as Chef T teaches us how to make **Chinese Scallion Pancakes**. Like to cook? Join us for **Chef Theresa's International Cuisine Series**. Ingredient list will be emailed a few days before each session.

Register online or by calling the library at 973-543-4152 and the Zoom link will be sent to you the day before the event.

Upcoming Cooking Events:

March 9, 2021 Ireland: Irish Soda Bread Biscuits

April 13, 2021 Korea: Fried Chicken Wings

May 11, 2021 Canada: Calgary Nanaimo Bars

June 1, 2021 Vietnam: Veggie and Beef Ph

Monthly Adult Book Club

Mendham Borough Library's

Morning Book Group

Our diverse and lively Book Club meets once a month at 9:30 am from September to June. They read a variety of books throughout the year: fiction, literature and non-fiction, classic and modern. Copies of each month's selection are available at the library.

Friday, February 26th @ 9:30 am via Zoom

February Book: *The Secrets We Kept* by Lara Prescott



The Mendham Borough Library is now offering Digital Access to PressReader

PressReader provides access to current newspapers and magazines from around the world in full-color, full-page format. Includes over 7,000 U.S. and international titles, over 60 languages. From *The Guardian*, *The Globe and Mail*, *El Pais* and *El Figaro*, to *Newsweek*, *Vogue*, *Bloomberg Businessweek*, and *People*, PressReader delivers full issues of premium newspapers and magazines the moment they hit newsstands. No limits on downloads. They're yours to keep forever.

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Looking for family history information? Look no further!

Mendham Borough Library along with all other Libraries in Morris County have access to MyHeritage, the leading destination for discovering, preserving and sharing family history. MyHeritage provides more than 5 billion historical records from all over the world, including more than a hundred million tombstone photos. Just click on the button enter your library card number and start searching! Click the online resources tab on mendhamboroughlibrary.org for more information.





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New Adult and Children's Titles Added to Our Collection

Non-Fiction

Accidentally Wes Anderson Group
I'll Be Seeing You
Raising Your Spirited Baby
Snacking Cakes

Fiction

All The Colors of the Night
Deadly Cross
Eddie's Boy
Hush-Hush
If I Were You
Lazarus
Moonflower Murders
Neighbors
NYPD Red 6
Perestroika in Paris
Shuggie Bain
Snow Drift
Someone to Watch Over Me
Spin
The Awakening
The Little Book of Life Skills
The Mystery of Mrs. Christie
The Queen's Gambit
The Star-Crossed Sisters of Tuscany
This Time Next Year
War Lord
When We Believed in Mermaids

Children's

A Wolf for a Spell
Alone Together
Amazing Powers
American Royals
Apple Skin to the Core
Beyond Magenta: Transgender
 Teens Speak Out
Body Talk: 37 Voices Explore
 Our Radical Anatomy
Camping With Unicorns

Koval, Wally
 Tate, Christie
 Berg, Elizabeth
 Kurcinka, Mary Sheedy
 Arefi, Yossy

Krentz, Jayne Ann
 Patterson, James
 Perry, Thomas
 Woods, Stuart
 Austin, Lynn
 Keplar, Lars
 Horowitz, Anthony
 Steel, Danielle
 Patterson, James
 Smiley, Jane
 Stuart, Douglas
 Tursten, Helene
 Atkins, Ace
 Cornwell, Patricia
 Roberts, Nora
 Ruddy, Erin Zammett
 Benedict, Marie
 Tevis, Walter
 Spielman, Lori-Nelson
 Cousens, Sophie
 Cornwell, Bernard
 O'Neal, Barbara

Sutton, Karah
 Seal, Julia
 Marvel
 McGee, Katharne
 Gansworth, Eric
 Kuklin, Susan
 Jensen, Kelly (ed)
 Simpson, Dana

Children's (continued)

Can I Play Too?
Cars: Engines That Move You
Cat Kid Comic Club
Class Act
Elatsoe
Flying High
Girls of Storm and Shadow
How to Catch a Unicorn
I Feel Angry
I Feel Happy
I Feel Proud
I Feel Sad
Joey: The Story of Joe Biden
Kamala Harris Rooted in Justice
Lumberjanes (Series)
Majesty
Monsters Among Us
My Body Belongs to Me
Owly: Just a Little Blue
Owly: The Way Home
Roller Girl
Science Comics: Coral Reefs
Science Comics: Polar Bears
Science Comics: Wild Weather
So You Want to Be an Owl
Sunny Rolls the Dice
Sunny Side Up
Swing It Sunny
The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes
The Black Friend: On Being a Better White Person
The Last Mirror on the Left
This Beach is Loud
Virtual Unicorn Experience
We Are Water Protectors
When Friendship Followed Me Home
Who Was Confucius?
Who Was Duke Ellington?

Cotterill, Samantha
 Zettwoch, Dan
 Pilkey, Dav
 Craft, Jerry
 Badger, Darcie Little
 Meadows, Michelle
 Ngan, Natasha
 Wallace, Adam
 Day, Teresa
 Day, Teresa
 Day, Teresa
 Day, Teresa
 Biden, Jill
 Grimes, Nikki
 Stevenson, Noelle
 McGee, Katharine
 Rodden, Monica
 Starishevsky, Jill
 Runton, Andy
 Runton, Andy
 Jamieson, Victoria
 Wicks, Maris
 Viola, Jason
 Reed, MK
 Porter, Jane
 Holm, Jennifer
 Holm, Jennifer
 Holm, Jennifer
 Collins, Suzanne
 Joseph, Frederick
 Giles, Lamar
 Cotterill, Samantha
 Simpson, Dana
 Lindstrom, Carole
 Griffin, Paul
 Burgan, Michael
 Payne, M.D.



For Kids in February

*Programs are for all ages unless otherwise noted.
Programs requiring registration are noted.*



Girls Who Code Returns on Zoom!

Grades 3rd-4th- Thursdays 3:30-5pm

Grades 5-12th-Tuesdays, 3:30- 5pm

Girls Who Code is a non-profit organization that strives to close the gender gap in computer science. Did you know, as of 2017 only 24% of those in computer science career fields are women? With the help of this amazing organization, we are able to introduce coding to the girls in our community and help them build confidence and practice in these skills, while building their personal confidence, sense of community and other important life skills.

For more information on this organization visit girlswhocode.com.

Participants will need to have access to a device that will allow them to be on Zoom and other websites we will be using as learning resources.

Sign up is available on our website.

Please include your daughter's name and grade when signing up. The program will run through April 2021.

Toddler Sing-Along returns (on ZOOM)

Live, Mondays at 10:30am

Have you missed singing with Miss Tina? She has missed singing with you. While we can't all come back together in the building right now, we can all come together and sing on Zoom.

Register at our website to join us. Only those who register for the program will receive the link/password for our program that week.

Crafternoon at Home (ages 5+)

Pick up a craft kit at the Library (at the desk or through Curbside service)

Crafts may require use of home supplies like glue, markers, crayons, scissors, etc. that are not able to be provided by the Library. Printed instructions along supply list will be provided in each kit.

Feb 1st-6th: Popsicle Stick Frame

Feb 8th- 13th: Popcorn Kernel Mosaic

Feb 16th- 20th: Make your own Forky

Feb 22nd- 27th: Paper Bag Kites

Crafts-to-go (Ages 3+)



Pick up an easy, all-in-one craft kit from the library. A new craft each week is available at our check-out desk and through our curbside service. Each week's craft will be announced Monday on our Facebook and Instagram pages!

1000 Books Before

Kindergarten

Continues (Birth- PreK)

This early literacy program is easy to participate in! Every time you read to your child, or your child hears a story, record it in the reading log!



Write down the title of the book and color in the duck. Once the log is complete, you can bring the log back to the library and your child will receive a rubber duck from our prize chest! At our Annual Graduation ceremony children who have hit their halfway mark (500 books read) receive a special treat, and those who have reached their 1000 books receive their golden duck trophy! Logs and ducks are still available for pick up.



The library will be closed Monday, February 15th for the President's Day Holiday



Upcoming Events at Schiff Nature Preserve

See a complete listing and register on line at www.schiffnaturepreserve.org or call [973-543-6004](tel:973-543-6004)

Social distancing and face coverings required for all programs. All programs are all weather events so dress accordingly. In the event of thunderstorm, extreme heat/cold or wind warnings program will be cancelled. Advance registration will ensure you receive a cancellation notice within 24 hours of the program start time.

Critter Cove Story Time

Tuesdays Feb 2, 9, 16 & 23 from 10:30- 11:30 am. Intended for our youngest stewards ages 3-5 with an adult. Join a naturalist for outdoor story time and songs. We'll meet at the Nature Center and then head up to Critter Cove to celebrate nature. Children and parents are to attend together. Capacity is temporarily limited to 10 children. Member fee is \$5/person. Non-member fee is \$8/person.

Gotta Love Groundhogs-A Celebration of Seasonal Changes—February 2, 2021 (Tuesday) 3:30 - 5:00 pm

As legend has it, today is the day we find out if Spring is right around the corner... Will the groundhog come out of hibernation to see its shadow... or not? Come celebrate the spirit of Winter and excitement for Spring as we spend the afternoon hiking, making a craft and playing games such as "Shadow Tag" while learning all about groundhog biology, behavior and superstitions! In addition, we will explore the ways in which plants and animals are able to survive these cold winter months, while looking for clues that tell us if Spring is slowly or quickly approaching! This is a drop-off program for children ages 5-10 (K-4th). Parents must provide health and emergency contact information. Capacity is temporarily limited to 12. Member fee is \$10 per child, Non- member fee is \$15 per child.

Homeschooling at Schiff—Nature Science in the Woods—Tuesdays from 1-3 pm

February 2, 2021 - Maple Sugaring
February 9, 2021- Winter Birds
February 16, 2021- Whose Tracks Are Those?
February 23, 2021- Animal Communication

Homeschooling at Schiff—Nature Science in the Woods (con't)

Bring your child to school in the outdoors with this series designed for all age levels. Each week we will explore a different topic utilizing tactile experiential learning while enhancing deductive reasoning skills. Children ages 5-16 may be dropped off provided parents provide health and emergency contact information. Member fee is \$10 per child or \$30 for a family/four. Non- member is \$15 per child or \$50 for a family/four. Parents/chaperones attend for free. Capacity is temporarily limited to 12 children.

After School Nature Club

Thursdays Feb 4, 11, 18 & 25 from 3:30-5:00 pm Hit the trails at Schiff with the new Nature Club! Drop off your child ages 5-12 (grades K-6) for a unique totally outdoor learning experience as we go through the season and observe how the natural world is changing. Parents must provide health and emergency contact information. Member fee is \$10 per child, Non- member fee is \$15 per child. Limit 10 kids.

Schiff's Soup Contest

February 21, 2021 (Sunday) 3:30-6:00 pm

OUTDOOR PROGRAM: There is nothing nicer than a warm bowl of soup and a roaring fire to hunker down with on a Sunday afternoon. Break out your favorite recipe of your heartiest soup and show the Schiff community what you've got in the pot! This outdoor cozy event will take place in the Native Garden. Entries are to be made in large capacity crock pots of at least a gallon of soup. Please note that soups should not contain nuts. Entries are to arrive at the Nature Center with serving utensils at 3:30 pm. Bring a big handful of quarters to use to vote for your favorite soup. An award will be presented to the winner of the soup with the most votes. Beverages, bread, and dessert will be provided. Member fee to attend with soup entry- \$8. Member fee to attend without soup entry- \$10. Non- member fee to attend with soup entry- \$10. Non- member fee to attend without soup entry- \$12. Advance registration is required. When registering, please note the type of soup you are entering in the comments section. Capacity limited to 20.



Borough Calendar for February 2021

Please note, due to the pandemic, the meetings for the Historic Preservation Commission, ECOSST and the Joint Land Use Board can be attended via Zoom. The login information can be found on the Mendham Borough website under scheduled meetings.

Board of Health - at the Garabrant Center, 7:00 pm on Wednesday, February 3

Borough Council - at the Garabrant Center, 8 pm on Wednesday, February 10 & Monday, February 22nd

Joint Land Use Board (formally Board of Adjustment and Planning Board) - via Zoom 7:30 pm on Tuesday, February 16

Recreation Commission - via phone access, 7:30 pm on Thursday, February 20

Mendham Borough School District

Kindergarten & 1st Grade Registration

Hilltop School in Mendham Borough is excited to begin the process of forming their 2021 kindergarten class. Pre-registration for the 2021-22 kindergarten class, is now open. Parents must visit our website (<http://www.mendhamboro.org>) to review our enrollment process, pre-register, download and

complete the required forms to submit at the time of registration. Children must be five years of age on or before October 1, 2021 in order to register for kindergarten. Any students enrolling for 1st grade from an outside kindergarten program should register at this time as well.

On-site registration will be on Tuesday, February 16th and Thursday, February 18th from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM on a first come first served basis. During this time (approximately 15 minutes) you will meet with Ms. LaMastro to complete your child's permanent file, receive a list of important dates and sign up for a 15-minute conference with Hilltop's principal, David Heller, during the week of April 26th-30th.

You will need your child's original birth certificate and three (3) proofs of residency from the following list: mortgage statement, certificate of occupancy, homeowner's insurance, tax bill, lease, deed, and either a gas or electric bill. The school will make a copy of these documents for your child's permanent student file.

If you are not available during the scheduled on-site registration dates or have any questions, please contact Mrs. LaMastro at 973-543-4251 ext. 121.