

The Mendham Messenger

January 2017

Mayor's Update

Dear Resident and Business Owner,
Best wishes for a Happy New Year!

I would like to welcome our newest member to the Borough Council, Christine Glassner. Chris was raised in Mendham Borough and moved back into town with her husband, Michael, and two daughters, Sophia Rose and Ellana. Chris, who lives on Talmadge Road, previously served as a member of the Board of Adjustment and Recreation Committee. She is truly looking forward to continuing to give back to the community as a councilwoman. Chris is replacing Veronica Daly who opted not to seek re-election to the council. A big thank you goes out to Ronnie for her six years of service!

Councilman Dave Sharkey begins his third term this year. Dave, who lives on E. Main Street, has served diligently over the last six years in his role as the liaison to the Land Use boards and recreation committee. In addition he is the driving force behind Mendham Borough being designated as a "Tree City USA." Dave, who has three grown sons, is a great asset to the council and I look forward to continuing to work alongside of him.

The Mayor and Council had an opportunity to hear a presentation from Wharton Mayor Bill Chegwidden and Wharton Business Administrator John Rheinhardt on energy aggregation. Wharton Borough is the lead agency for the Morris Area Energy Cooperative ("MAEC"). The MAEC provides for the pooling of electricity usage of all our residents which would secure a lower energy supply price without impacting service from JCP&L.

The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities has authorized municipalities in New Jersey to offer Community Energy Aggregation programs to their residents. Under these programs, municipalities are able to obtain bulk pricing for their residents at reduced rates. While all residents not currently in a contract with a third party supplier would initially be included in the community energy aggregation program, residents always have a

choice regarding their participation in this program. Some Morris County towns that already participate in this cooperative arrangement are Wharton Borough, Long Hill, Lincoln Park, and Riverdale. These towns were inaugural members of the MAEC whose residents have realized a substantial savings in their electric bills.

Some highlights of this Community Energy Aggregation program include:

- No fees or penalties to participate or not participate in this program.
- Residents will continue to get one bill from JCP&L.
- JCP&L will continue to maintain all power lines and poles and respond to any emergency needs.
- This is a NJ state approved program with consumer protections which is unlike other third party supply contracts.
- Municipalities do not financially benefit from this program and is only providing a cost savings opportunity to our residents.
- The program can only be implemented if a rate reduction is available to residents.

The Borough Council decided to move forward with the next step towards joining the MAEC which will include an ordinance introduction and hearing in the first quarter of 2017. More information on this program will follow. As always, your feedback is welcomed before and after the public hearing.

In closing, there have been a number of complaints from residents regarding the disposal of untied bags of dog feces that are deposited into other resident's trash cans by dog walkers out for a neighborhood walk. With the consent of the Borough Council, our existing ordinance was amended that prohibits dog or pet feces/solid waste to be deposited into a privately-owned waste receptacle other than a receptacle owned by the dog or pet owner. Dog owners/walkers, please take notice.

Sincerely,

Neil Henry
Mayor



Mendham Borough
LIBRARY

News from the Mendham Borough Library

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

Check it out—FREE Museum Passes at the Library

Use your library card to get free museum passes! We are very excited to announce the addition of Montclair Art Museum to our free museum pass program. This museum has been added to the Intrepid Air and Space Museum, Imagine That and Grounds for Sculpture. Mendham Borough residents with a current Mendham Borough Library card may reserve museum passes up to 3 months in advance. The pass may be checked out for 3 days and is not renewable. Household members may check out each museum pass once per calendar month to allow more patrons a chance to use them. For additional information, or to reserve a museum pass, please call or stop by the library!


NEW PASSES FOR 2017




The Montclair Art Museum (MAM), along with its Yard School of Art, engages a diverse community through its distinctive collection of American and Native American art, exhibitions, and educational programs that link art to contemporary life in a global context. The pass admits up to 4 adults.



Located in Hamilton, NJ, Grounds for Sculpture is a 42-acre park and museum filled with plantings, peacocks and, of course, sculptures. The museum's goal is to make art accessible and it even encourages guests to touch many of the works on site. The pass admits up to 4 guests.



At Imagine That! children are encouraged to touch, discover, learn and explore the 16,000 square foot space, featuring over 50 unique exhibits. Embracing a hands-on, learning-through-play model, Imagine That!!! is a safe environment where young children can stretch their legs and their imagination. The pass admits 4 guests.



The Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum is a military and maritime history museum with a collection of museum ships in New York City. The museum showcases the aircraft carrier USS Intrepid and the submarine USS Growler. The pass admits up to 6 guests.

Adult Programs at the Library

JANUARY DAYTIME ADULT PROGRAMS

Weekly Knitting Circle

Join us every week to practice your knitting or learn to knit. Instruction will be provided by Marge Nyquist the last Friday of the month. The group meets every Friday at 10:30 am. Space is limited. Registration is required.

Buying and Selling Online

Tuesday, January 10th at 1 pm

Amazon, EBAY, Craig's List, Yahoo! Shopping, Overstock.com and PriceGrabber.com. The list is long and growing! Come learn the reasons to Shop/Buy/Sell online. The presentation will include possible buyer concerns, seller reliability, product quality, privacy, safety and security when buying and selling online.

Let's Talk Books

Monday, January 23rd at 1 pm

Do you love books? Are you looking for a new good read? Come discuss your favorite books and get ideas from others for your next great novel. The group will meet the 4th Monday of the month .

I'm Looking for a Book

Monday, January 30th at 1pm

Learn how to use Novelist, Goodreads, and other Digital Resources to search for your next great read.

Book Club

Our diverse and lively Book Club meets once a month from September to June. They read a variety of books, fiction and non-fiction, classic and modern, throughout the year. Copies of each months selection is available at the library. If interested, contact the library for exact dates and times. The following books are planned for the first months of 2017:

January: *The Space Between Us* by Thrity Umrigar

February: *The Dubliners* by James Joyce

March: *The Secret Wisdom of the Earth* by Christopher Scotton

Bridge

Wednesdays at 10 am

Our intermediate to expert bridge group meets to play in the Fletcher Gallery on Wednesdays. For more information, please call the library.

Canasta

Thursdays at 10 am

Beginners and experienced players are welcome to join our library group. For more information or to register, please call or come in.

Yoga

Tuesdays & Thursdays from 8:30 to 9:30 am

Start the year off right by learning ways to balance your mind and body. The cost for either 8-week session is \$40; the cost for both sessions is \$80.

Drop-ins are welcome for an \$8 fee per class.

Payment and 2017 Release Form due at sign up. If you are not able to attend this winter, our March/April session sign ups will begin in mid-February.

JANUARY EVENING PROGRAMS

New Year, New You

Wednesday, January 11th at 6:30 pm

The Mendham Borough Library welcomes back Grace McGuirk, RD from Shoprite to discuss healthy eating in the new year. She will be cooking up some great easy-to-make recipes to try and discuss.

Retirement Planning for Seniors

Wednesday, January 18th at 6:30 pm

Keith Hawk from Hawk Financial Group will be holding a seminar to discuss retirement planning for seniors. He will be discussing social security, protecting assets from market loss and retirement paychecks. In addition, he will be going over a financial plan checklist and the importance of a power of attorney as an essential part of the financial plan.

"Dishing Up New Jersey"

Author Talk and Book Signing

Wednesday, February 1st at 6:30 pm

New Jersey native John Holl searched from Sussex County to Cape May to find the best recipes New Jersey has to offer, and the result is this rich and unique cookbook celebrating the foods, flavors, cultures, and traditions of the Garden State.

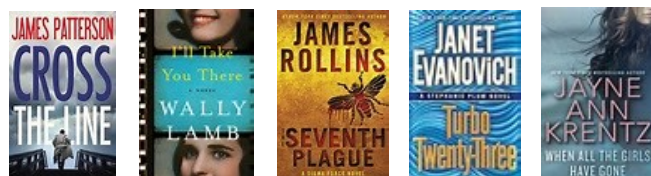


New Books, Audiobooks & DVDS

Fiction

A Baxter Family Christmas
Chase
Conclave
Cross the Line
Egg Drop Dead
I'll Take You There
Pretty Girls
Rules of Contact
The Flame Bearer
The Rebel of Clan Kincaid
The Sell Out
The Seventh Plague
The Spy
The Whole Town's Talking
Turbo Twenty-Three
When All the Girls Have Gone

Kingsbury, Karen
 Bristol, Sidney
 Harris, Robert
 Paterson, James
 Childs, Laura
 Lamb, Wally
 Slaughter, Karin
 Burton, Jaci
 Cornwell, Bernard
 Blackwood, Lily
 Beatty, Paul
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 Coelho, Paulo
 Flagg, Fannie
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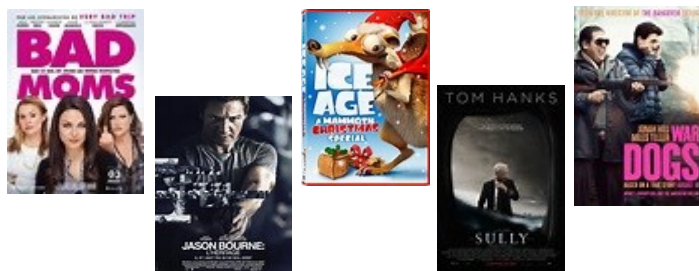
Large Print

The Heart of Christmas
The Season of Us
The Trouble with Mistletoe
Priceless

Novak, Brenda
 Chamberlin, Holly
 Shalvis, Jill
 Woods, Cheryl

DVD's

Bad Moms
Ice Age: A Mammoth Christmas
Jason Bourne
Kubo and the Two Strings
Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children
Secret Life of Pets
Storks
Suicide Squad
Sully
War Dogs



Non-Fiction

Appetites
Peterson's Scholarships, Grants & Prizes 2017
Pogue's Basics: Money Essential Tips and Shortcuts

Bourdain, Anthony
 Peterson's
 Pogue, David

Audiobooks

Chaos
The Daily Show

Cornwell, Patricia
 Smith, Chris



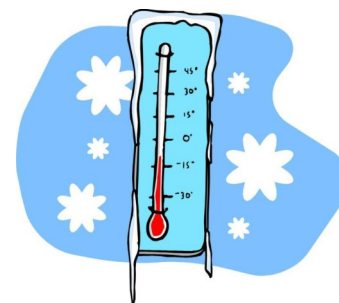
Library Holiday Closure

The Library will be closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on January 16, 2017.

Inclement Weather

When Mendham Borough Schools have a delayed opening, the Library will open at 11 am and morning programs will be canceled.

Like us on Facebook to get the most up-to-date information on closings and delays.



Kids Programs - Winter 2016

Please come in or call to sign up for the following programs.



Winter Reading Program

January 3rd-31st

Open to all ages

Join our Winter Reading Program this year! Stop in anytime and get your Winter Reading BINGO Board and be entered to win some cool prizes!

Knitting Club

Wednesdays, January 11th & 25th @ 3:15 p.m.

Always wanted to know how to make your own beautiful scarves and hats? Open to those in 2nd grade and up, space is limited and registration is required so sign up today!



Chess Club

Thursday, January 5th @ 6:30 p.m.

Open to children 2nd grade and up. Come learn how to play chess with instructor Marty Sobin who will also introduce new tips and tricks to help improve your game.



Late Night @ the Library: Lip Sync Battle

Friday, January 13th @ 7-10 p.m.

It's time to Lip Sync for your life! Come prepared with your best lip syncing skills and see if you are the one who will rule them all! Pizza and drinks will also be provided. Space is limited and registration is required so sign up today! Open for 3rd-8th Grade

Winter Bingo

Friday, January 6th @ 3:15 p.m.

All ages welcome! Come play Winter Bingo and play for some cool prizes.



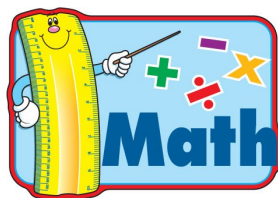
Tween Advisory Board

Tuesday, January 17th @ 6:00 p.m.

Join Miss Amanda for some pizza and planning of fun library programs!

Exploring Math

Make math fun again and explore the world of math with Toilet Paper Olympics, Zoo Animal Ziplines and Extreme Bingo! Space is limited and registration is required so sign up today!



Kindergarten - 3rd Grade

Mondays: January 9, 23, & 30 & February 6, 13, & 27 @ 3:15 p.m.

4th - 8th Grade

Thursdays: January 12, 19, & 26 & February 2, 9, & 16 @ 3:30 p.m.

Afternoon Movies

Friday, January 20th @ 3:15 p.m.

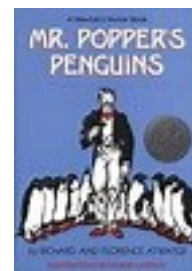
Will the storks be able to deliver their special package on time? Join the library while we show the newest movie *Storks*. Drinks and popcorn will be provided.



Bagels & Books: Family Book Club

Saturday, January 21st @ 10:30 a.m.

Read *Mr. Popper's Penguins* by Richard and Florence Atwater and join Miss Amanda for a discussion and bagels.



Book Worms

Tuesdays: January 10, 17, 24, & 31 @ 3:15 p.m.

Join Miss Amanda in reading the *Babymouse* series by Jennifer L. Holm and discuss them with some fun snacks.



LEGO Club

Friday, January 27th @ 3:15 p.m.

Come build and create your own LEGO creations with friends. LEGOs are provided by the library.

Kids Programs (con't)

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

Start the new year off right and join our 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Program! Encourage early literacy skills for kids pre-K and younger with 1,000 Books before Kindergarten, a fun, easy new library program. Every time you read with your little one or they listen to a story, record it. You can record it in a special reading log or using an online app for iPhone. You can even include that favorite book that you both have memorized for as many times as you read it. Once the log is complete, bring it to the library and your child can pick a rubber duck from our pond! While 1,000 books sounds big, it's really not. Reading just one book each night for a year gets you one-third of the way to this important goal. Make sure to stop by the library and pick up your reading log today to get started!



Volunteers needed to help protect our local environment

The Mendham Environmental Commission has immediate openings. Meetings are on every 3rd Thursday of the month at the Phoenix House, 7:30 pm. Interested? Call or email Borough Clerk: Margot Kaye at 973-543-7152 ext. 15 or mkaye@mendhamnj.org

Free Rabies Shot Clinic

Available for all dogs and cats. Saturday, January 14, 2017 from 10 am–12 pm at the Bernards Township Public Works Garage, 277 S. Maple Avenue, Basking Ridge. Sponsored by the Bernards Township Health Department.



Radon Testing Kits Available

The Mendham Borough Board of Health will be selling Radon Testing Kits at the Bowers Building at 6 West Main Street for \$10. They are open from 9-4:30. Kits contain detailed instructions. Only one kit per household is permitted.



Twelfth Night Christmas Tree Bonfire *Sunday, January 8 at 6:30 pm in Borough Park*

The Bonfire, sponsored by the Mendham Borough Fire Department, will feature fun for the whole family including holiday music and hot chocolate. Come out and enjoy one last toast to the holiday season.

To further assist local Borough residents, the fire department will pick up trees and bring them to the pile at Borough Park. The pick-up service is open to Borough residents only. Residents who wish to have their tree picked up can go to www.mendhamfd.org/trees and fill out a form along with making a donation to the Mendham Fire Department. Residents who fill out forms must have their trees curbside by 9 am on Sunday, January 8. For more information on the event, log on to www.mendhamfd.org/trees.

The Mendham Fire Department has served the community since 1905. Its volunteer membership protects roughly 5,000 people living in an area of six square miles and responding to an average of 150 calls per year. Visit www.mendhamfd.org for more information.

Holiday Safety Tips from the MFD

- When you get home with your tree, make a fresh cut across the it's base and place it in water immediately. Keep water container full at all times, checking daily.
- Be extra careful with electricity, all open flames and other heat sources during the holidays.
- Check all Christmas tree lights, electric decorations and appliances for wear. Do not use those with worn or frayed electrical cords. Use only UL approved electrical decorations and extension cords.
- Place the Christmas tree away from heat registers, space heaters, fireplaces, wood stoves, televisions, computer monitors and other heat sources.
- Keep an emergency escape route clear of trees, packages and furniture.
- Unplug tree lights and other decorations when out of the room or sleeping.

2017 Mendham Borough Recycling Schedule

Every Other Thursday



January 5 Thursday - Recycling 19 Thursday - Recycling	May 11 Thursday - Recycling 25 Thursday - Recycling	September 14 Thursday - Recycling 28 Thursday - Recycling
February 2 Thursday - Recycling 16 Thursday - Recycling	June 8 Thursday - Recycling 22 Thursday - Recycling	October 12 Thursday - Recycling 26 Thursday - Recycling
March 2 Thursday - Recycling 16 Thursday - Recycling 30 Thursday - Recycling	July 6 Thursday - Recycling 20 Thursday - Recycling	November 9 Thursday - Recycling 20 Monday - Recycling (before Holiday) 23 Thanksgiving Day (No Collection)
April 13 Thursday - Recycling 27 Thursday - Recycling	August 3 Thursday - Recycling 17 Thursday - Recycling 31 Thursday - Recycling	December 7 Thursday - Recycling 21 Thursday - Recycling

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Collection Dates
Holiday-No Collection
 If you have any questions, concerns, complaints (or compliments), please call the Department of Public Works at 973-543-6535**If there are problems with your recycling collection please call us BEFORE 10:00 AM on the morning following collection day**

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Phoenix House
Mendham, NJ 07945

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Borough Calendar for January 2017

Curbside Bulk Pickup

Mondays, January 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

Recycle - Thursdays, January 5 & 19

Board of Adjustment - at the Garabrant Center, 7:30 pm on Thursday, January 5

Special Borough Council Reorganization Meeting - at the Mendham Fire House, 4 pm on Monday, January 2

Historic Preservation Commission - at the Phoenix House, 7:30 pm on Monday, January 23

Open Space Advisory Committee - at the Phoenix House, 7 pm on Thursday, January 12

Planning Board Meeting - at the Garabrant Center, 7:30 pm on Monday, January 9

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)

Dec 28, 10:30-11:30 am - Sharing the World with Raptors
Meet a live raptor! Our guest from the Raptor Trust will share fun facts about the role raptors play in our environment. Members pay \$7 per person; non-members pay \$10.

Jan 15, 8 am - Sunday Morning Fitness Hike
A brisk guided 5-mile hike over varied terrain across Schiff Nature Preserve. Meet at McVickers Brook parking lot at 239 Pleasant Valley Road, Mendham. Free for members; \$10 non-members.

Jan 20, 9-10:30 am - Gentle Hike for Adults
A gentle 3-mile guided hike along Schiff's trails. Ages 18+. Members are free, non-members pay \$10.

Jan 23, 10-11 am - Tree Time for Tykes: Winter Wonderland
Through story, walk and craft, explore the different ways the inhabitants of the forest survive the winter months. Ages 2-4 with an adult. Members pay \$10 per adult/child pair; non-members pay \$15.

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