

# The Mendham Messenger

January 2018

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## Mayor's Update

Dear Resident and Business Owner,

Let me start off this month's newsletter by wishing all of you a very Happy New Year!

A New Year always gives us an opportunity to reset and start anew which will certainly be the case for the Borough of Mendham as the Mayor and Council have been busy interviewing candidates for key roles within the administration.

As of this writing (12/12), negotiations are just about complete with an individual who will be joining us as our new Borough Administrator. The Borough Council interviewed three very qualified candidates who were presented to us by The Canning Group, the consultant who we retained to conduct the search for a new administrator. The person who I will be appointing after the completion of negotiations and with the consent of the Borough Council will bring a high level of municipal government experience to the office and has the personal attributes that fit in with our overall community. We will be fortunate to have this person join us. I will be able to share more about this individual in the next Mendham Messenger.

With the exception of the longevity calculation, all three major components of our Promotional Exam for the Chief of Police have now been completed. I should be in a position to decide on my appointment for the next Chief of Police as we begin the New Year and be able to present it to the Borough Council for consent during the month of January. I am in a position to report that the examination process was completed in a fair and equitable manner and done in conjunction with the promotional ordinance which was approved by the Borough Council earlier in 2017.

The Mayor and Council have accepted the resignation of Borough Clerk Margot Kaye who left us very suddenly in December for a similar position with the Town of Morristown. Resumes are in the process of being solicited from which qualified candidates will be chosen for interviews which will in turn lead to an appointment to fill the vacancy left by Ms. Kaye's

departure. Best wishes to Ms. Kaye for a successful tenure in Morristown. Her new position will certainly pose a whole new set of challenges for her.

As most of you know by now, regulations set forth by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection have led to the cancellation of the traditional Christmas tree collection and burn which is typically held in early January. Please do not bring your tree to Borough Park but rather call our Department of Public Works at (973) 543-6535 for details on how you may dispose of your tree.

Work on our 2018 budget continues by our finance subcommittee as does work to rehabilitate the dam at Mountain Valley Park. Work at the dam is expected to be completed by the end of January or early February.

The Mayor and Council have renewed our contract with Blue Diamond Disposal to provide the municipality with curbside bulk pick-up and our Department of Public Works is prepared to remove ice and snow that may accumulate on our roads and parking lots. A specific snow removal plan has been developed to insure that Doug Wright and members of his staff will actively participate in snow and ice removal operations across the Borough during the winter months.

As always, I would like to remind you again our overnight winter parking ban on local streets is now in effect. No vehicle is permitted to be parked on any street in the borough during the overnight hours in the winter months. Please remember to make sure your car is parked off the street to avoid being cited for overnight parking by the police department during the winter months.

I would like to close by inviting you to attend the Borough's reorganization meeting which will be held this year on January 4, 2018 at the Mendham Borough firehouse. The meeting will start at 7 PM.

Sincerely,

Mayor Neil Henry



Mendham Borough  
LIBRARY

# News from the Mendham Borough Library

10 Hilltop Road 973 543-4152 mendhamboroughlibrary.org

## Continuing in 2018 –FREE Museum Passes at the Library

Use your library card to get free museum passes! The library offers free museum passes for the Intrepid Air and Space Museum, Grounds for Sculpture and Imagine That. Imagine That has just completed a \$2 million renovation and is opened now. 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!



## Thank You Mendham Borough Library Volunteers

The Mendham Borough Library would like to thank all of our amazing volunteers who help at the library each week. We could not do it without you!

- Bob Bush
- Gerry Fava
- Jackie Hinshaw
- Wayne LeBlond
- Vicky Norton
- Peggy Oswald
- Kathy Parker
- Ann Radican
- Mary Ann Steeneck
- Betty Steidler
- Chris Takayama



## Get Involved and Help the Mendham Borough Library

The Friends of the Library are currently looking for new members interested in helping to make Mendham Borough Library an even better place. They are a long standing group of community members, of all ages, who donate their time to help the Library achieve its goals - from raising vital funds, to helping maintain the Library's facilities and services, or simply by building awareness within the community for what our wonderful Library has to offer. If you would like to know more about the Friends of the Library and how to get involved check out their page on our website. Whatever your talent or skill, the library could use your support!



## Show Your Love for the Library and Enjoy a Delicious Meal!

On Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> The Black Horse Pub located at 1 West Main Street in Mendham will donate 15% of your lunch or dinner purchase (alcohol not included) to the Mendham Borough Library. For more information, visit our website.

## Looking for family history information? Look no further!

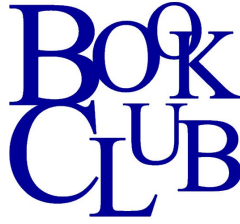
Mendham Borough Library along with all other Libraries in Morris County have access to MyHeritage, the leading destination for discovering, preserving and sharing family history. MyHeritage provides more than 5 billion historical records from all over the world, including more than a hundred million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



## 2018 DAYTIME ADULT PROGRAMS

### 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 month's selection are available at the library. If interested, contact the library for exact dates and times. The following dates and books are planned for 2018:



January: 1/26 *The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane* by Lisa See

February: 2/23 *To the Lighthouse* by Virginia Woolf

March: 3/23

April: 4/27

May: 5/18

June: 6/22

July: No Book Group

August: No Book Group

September: 9/28

October: 10/26

November: 11/16

December: 12/14

### 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 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. Payment and 2018 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 2018 EVENING PROGRAMS

### New Year, New You

*Thursday, January 25th at 6:30 pm*

The Mendham Borough Library welcomes Brittany Peterson, MS, RDN Registered Dietitian Nutritionist from Shoprite of Chester to discuss healthy eating in the new year. She will be cooking up some great easy-to-make recipes to try and discuss.



### Coming in February:

Lecture presented by volunteer Docent, Joel Farkas. Mr. Farkas will speak about Morristown's role in the Revolution. A must for all revolutionary history buffs! Thursday, February 22nd at 6:30 pm



### Library Holiday

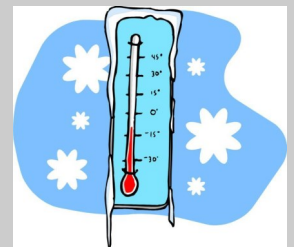
#### Closure

The Library will be closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on January 15, 2018.



### Inclement Weather

When Mendham Borough Schools have a delayed opening, the Library will open at 11 am and morning programs will be cancelled. The most up-to-date information on closings and delays will be posted on our website ([mendhamboroughlibrary.org](http://mendhamboroughlibrary.org))



## New Books, Audiobooks & DVDS

### Fiction

|                            |                          |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Artemis                    | Weir, Andy               |
| Enchantress of Numbers     | Chiaverini, Jennifer     |
| Hacks                      | Brazile, Donna           |
| No Other Duke Will Do      | Burrowes, Grace          |
| Refuge Cove                | Dailey, Janet            |
| Secrets Of Cavendon        | Bradford, Barbara Taylor |
| Sweet Tea and Sympathy     | Harper, Molly            |
| The Story of Arthur Truluv | Berg, Elizabeth          |
| The Whispering Room        | Koontz, Dean             |
| Turtles All The Way Down   | Green, John              |
| Uncommon Type Some Stories | Hanks, Tom               |
| Year One                   | Roberts, Nora            |

### Non Fiction

|                         |                     |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Bobby Kennedy           | Matthews, Chris     |
| Playing With Fire       | O'Donnell, Lawrence |
| Grant                   | Chernow, Ron        |
| Endurance               | Kelly, Scott        |
| King Of Spies           | Harden, Blaine      |
| The Spectrum Of Hope    | Devi, Gayatri       |
| The Pioneer Woman Cooks | Drummond, Ree       |
| The Demon Crown         | Rollins, James      |
| Dog Training 101        | Sundance, Kyra      |

### Large Print

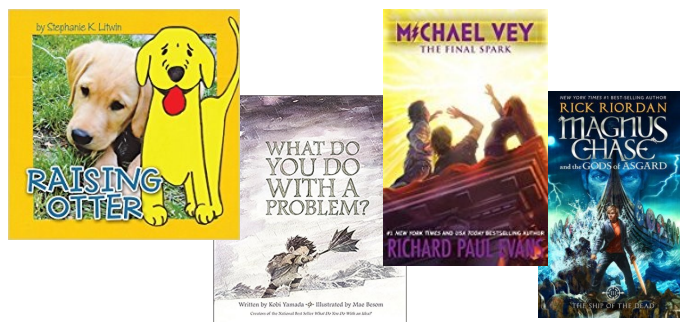
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| End Game                | Baldacci, David   |
| Hardcore Twenty-Four    | Evanovich, Janet  |
| Little Fires Everywhere | Ng, Celeste       |
| The Midnight Line       | Child, Lee        |
| Two Kinds Of Truth      | Connelly, Michael |



### Children's/ Young Adult

Below is a highlight of some new Children's and Young Adult books we have added to our collection.

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| <i>All's Faire in Middle School</i>                  | Jamieson, Victoria   |
| <i>Darkness of Dragons</i><br>(Wings of Fire Series) | Sutherland, Tui      |
| <i>Gift of the Merry Musicians</i>                   | Music Together       |
| <i>Her Right Foot</i>                                | Eggers, Dave         |
| <i>Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus</i>  | Bowling, Dusti       |
| <i>It's Not Jack &amp; the Beanstalk</i>             | Funk, Josh           |
| <i>Raising Otter</i>                                 | Litwin, Stephanie    |
| <i>The Final Spark</i><br>(Michael Vey Series)       | Evans, Richard Paul  |
| <i>The Mystery of the Missing Chocolate Chips</i>    | Pfeifer, Marie       |
| <i>The Ship of the Dead</i><br>(Magnus Chase Series) | Riordan, Rick        |
| <i>The Way to Bea</i>                                | Yeh, Kat             |
| <i>The Wonderling</i>                                | Bartok, Mira         |
| <i>What Do You Do With a Problem?</i>                | Yamada, Kobi         |
| <i>Wishtree</i>                                      | Applegate, Katherine |



SAVE THE DATE

COMING UP

Local Author Marie Pfeifer (*The Mystery of the Missing Chocolate Chips*) will be at the library for story time on Thursday, February 8th at 3:30

# Kids Programs - Winter 2018

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

## For Kids in January

*Programs are for all ages unless otherwise noted.  
Space is limited and sign-ups are a must.*

### Toddler Sing-Along

Mondays @ 10:30 am  
Join Mr. Ryan and friends for singing, dancing, games and a craft for ages birth to 5.



### Crafternoon

Mondays @ 3:30 pm  
A program which encourages creative expression.

### Homework Helper Program

Wednesdays @ 3:30–8:00 pm  
Register today to be paired with one of our volunteer library tutors. For tutoring or homework help, our high school volunteer tutors can offer their assistance in many subjects.

### Mystery Scavenger Hunt

Thursdays @ 3:30 pm  
Try to identify different materials and books in the library in this special youth scavenger hunt program. Fun for puzzle solvers and young detectives. Registration is required.

### Chess Club

Thursday, Jan 4th @ 6:30 pm  
Learn to play one of the world's oldest games with our Chessmaster. Sponsored by the Mendham Alliance.



### Fun & Games

Fridays @ 3:30 pm (except 1/5 and 1/26)  
A venue for your favorite board games and activities. (Lego Club 1/12)

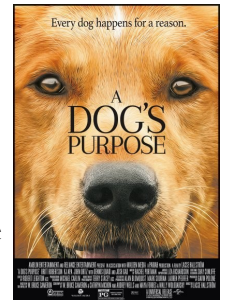
### Dan Gutman Author Visit

Friday, January 5th @ 4:30 pm  
Don't miss your opportunity to see this hit children's author live and in-person. The acclaimed author of the "My Weird School" series, "Baseball Card Adventures," and "The Genius Files" will be stopping by Hilltop Church Fellowship Hall for an author visit. Tickets available at the Mendham Borough Library. Ages 6 and up.



### Afternoon Movie: A Dog's Purpose

Saturday, Jan 6th @ 12 pm  
This dramedy follows a dog as he is reincarnated as different breeds belonging to various owners. Over the course of multiple lifetimes, the canine's existence intersects with that of a young boy who rescued him in 1962. Refreshments served. 120 minutes. Rated PG.



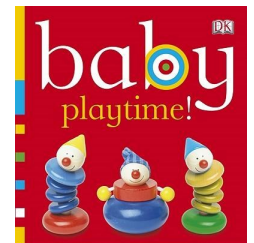
### The Dinosaur Play presented by Trilogy Repertory Theatre

Saturday, Jan 13th @ 12:45 pm  
See the story of the first mammal on earth searching for a mother and the last dinosaur egg in this participation play for children. Showtime is at 1 PM. Sponsored in part by the Pados and Beutnagel Family. Open to all ages, but recommended for 10 and younger. Registration is required.



### Baby Playtime

Friday, January 19th @ 10:30 am  
In this all-new program, bring your baby or toddler into the library for a special playtime event. Enjoy some of our brand new toys in our new and improved Children's Room, and meet with other parents and caregivers. Open to ages 0-5.



### Late Night @ the Library: African Clay Mask Making

Friday, January 26th @ 7-10 pm

Learn how to make traditional African masks in this special Late Night program. Join us after the library closes for games, snacks, and a special craft. Sponsored by the Mendham Municipal Alliance. Open to 3rd through 8th grade. Registration is required.

## 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!

## Events at Schiff Nature Preserve

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

### Birding for Beginners

January 13, 2018 (Saturday) 9-11am

Join Bill Scullion from NJ Conservation Foundation for a primary in winter birding! Bill will talk about how to use field guides and phone apps to aid in bird identification and then lead an easy hike looking for winter birds. Dress warmly for the hike, and join us for a mug of hot chocolate afterwards! Kids of all ages, who are able to enjoy the quiet of the forest are welcome to join. Free to members. Non-members fee is \$5.

### Schools Out Program- Wonder of Snow

January 15, 2018 (Monday) 9-12

Drop your kids off for a fun morning learning about snow! Through outdoor exploration, crafts, and games, children will delve into the mathematics and natural wonder of this beautiful precipitation. Ages 6-12. Bring a snack and water. Member fee is \$15. Non-member fee is \$20.

### Yoga Hike @ Schiff Nature Preserve

January 21, 2018 (Sunday) 9-11am

Join Off The Grid at Schiff Nature Preserve for an easy hike and gentle yoga session, suitable for both beginners and experienced practitioners. It will begin with a meditation and centering session indoors, then enjoy a beautiful hike through the landscapes of Schiff Nature Preserve, enjoying the detoxifying quality of being present in nature. Yogis should bring their own mat or blanket. Member fee is \$10. Non-member fee is \$15.



## Twelfth Night Christmas Tree Bonfire Celebration Cancelled for 2018

After nearly 30 years of providing Borough residents with a final toast to the holiday season, the annual Twelfth Night Christmas Tree Bonfire Celebration, is cancelled. Due to new and more stringent regulations at the Department of Environmental Protection and the need to comply with the NJ Clean Air Act, the Mendham Fire Department announced it is not able to receive the desired permit for the event it had planned, and therefore is cancelling the celebration, originally scheduled for Sunday, January 7, at the Borough Park.

In addition, with no opportunity to burn Christmas Trees at its annual event, the Mendham Fire Department will no longer pick up trees from Borough residents. The Fire Department provided this service successfully for years in exchange for donations. Instead, **Borough residents should schedule tree pick-up with the Department of Public Works directly by calling (973) 543-6535** or submit a "Brush Pick-Up" request by filling out the form on the Borough's website. Resident's should not drop their trees off at the Borough Park or at the DPW Yard.

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](http://www.mendhamfd.org) for more information.

## Holiday Safety Tips from the MFD

- Once you get your Christmas tree home, make a fresh cut across the tree's base and immediately place in water. Keep the tree's water container full at all times, checking the water level daily.
- Be extra careful with electricity, all open flames and other heat sources during the holidays.
- Check all Christmas tree lights, other electric decorations and electrical appliances for wear. Do not use lights, decorations or appliances with worn electrical cords. Use only UL approved electrical decorations and extension cords.
- Place the Christmas tree well away from heat registers, space heaters, fire places, wood stoves, televisions, computer monitors and other heat sources.
- Place the Christmas tree clear of doors to keep the emergency escape route clear .



## Borough Calendar for January 2018

### Curbside Bulk Pickup

Mondays, January 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

Recycle - Thursdays, January 4 & 18

**Board of Adjustment** - at the Garabrant Center, 7:30 pm on Tuesday, January 2

**Board of Health** - at the Bowers Building, 7 pm on Wednesday, January 3

**Special Borough Council Reorganization Meeting** - at the Mendham Fire House, 7 pm on Thursday, January 4

**Historic Preservation Commission** - at the Phoenix House, 7:30 pm on Monday, January 22

**Open Space Advisory Committee** - at the Phoenix House, 7 pm on Thursday, January 11

**Planning Board Meeting** - at the Garabrant Center, 7:30 pm on Monday, January 8

**Recreation Meeting** - at the Phoenix House, 7:30 pm on Wednesday, January 10

## Help Wanted ~ 2018 Day Camp Counselors

The Mendham Summer Day Camp is looking for enthusiastic, accountable, responsible people to join their team as camp counselors. Applicants must be entering 9th grade in the Fall of 2018. Experience with caring for young children is preferred.

Please submit a letter requesting a position and the grade you will be entering no later than February 28 to: Bruce DiBisceglie, Recreation Director, 6 West Main St., Mendham, NJ 07945. Details can be found at <http://www.mendhamdaycamp.com/index.html> in the "Staff" section. The 2018 Day Camp will run from June 25 - August 3. First time applicants will be contacted early March for an interview to be held late March - early April. Returning counselors will be contacted in May 2018 and **do not** need to re-interview.

