

The Mendham Messenger

January 2019

Mayor's Update

Dear Resident and Business Owner,

New year, new Administration!

Happy New Year to everyone and I hope 2019 brings excellent health and bountiful blessings for all. I'm so honored to be able to serve all Mendham Borough residents in my capacity as mayor and to bring a new energy and new ideas that will help usher our town into a great year.

You will read in future Mendham Messengers that there will be some intriguing new changes in our town's management. In my career in business and government, customer service has always been an important quality - and it's going to be at the forefront here at our Mendham Borough municipal offices. To help improve our communications I'll be featuring a different employee each newsletter. I hope that learning more about our outstanding team will help you to become closer to our town government.

During the last year, I spent many months walking around my beautiful hometown, from street to street, visiting old friends and meeting new ones as I went. During my visits, I learned one important lesson about why Mendham Borough is such a special place to live.

When I asked people what they thought was special about our town they often pointed out its historic charm or the excellent quality of our schools. More than once, fellow residents told me that it's the feeling you get from living in a town that reminds you of Andy Griffith's Mayberry! What I discovered is it is something more hidden - I heard stories about the amazing contributions that many of you have made that have made this town a better place to live.

Moms and Dads who led Girl Scouts or Boy Scouts, women who worked at our nursery schools, men who worked at the Pastime Club or oversaw our many sports - and the list goes on and on. I heard pride in your voices as you told me about your

years of work on our town committees, accomplishing projects like toiling in our gardens for the Garden Club or organizing events with our Business Association. All of these selfless acts have made this a wonderful and special place to live and raise a family. Mendham Borough is truly excellent because of our incredible people.

Updates:

If you weren't aware, the first snow of the season in November had a big impact on Mendham Borough. We had an unfortunate incident with our large plow truck when the rear axle met its end in a sinkhole on Dean Road. More importantly, our colleague Rob Orgera was shaken but not injured. The truck, however, is likely to be out of commission throughout the snow season. Jeff Cooper and our DPW crew will do their very best to keep our roads passable this winter and we are working on alternate solutions. Unfortunately, there is not a backup vehicle available this late in the season. Our truck is currently being repaired and our team is doing their best to expedite a solution. We will all need to be patient!

We are very hopeful that this year's early cold snap will help bring ice skating back to our Borough. The last time we had ice skating on Mountain Valley pond was four years ago! In order to safely open the pond for skating, the ice must be at least 6 inches in depth. You will know when the pond is open for business when Jeff puts up a new "Skating Open" sign! We will notify the schools and post on the town Facebook page and our website.

Happy New Year from your proud Mendham Borough team!

Sincerely,

Chris Serrano Glassner
Mayor



Mendham Borough
LIBRARY

News from the Mendham Borough Library

10 Hilltop Road 973 543-4152 mendhamboroughlibrary.org

1000 Books Before Kindergarten Celebration!

We recently held our 2018, 1000 books before Kindergarten Celebration. We are very proud of those children who are half way through the program and received a t-shirt for completing 500 books.

Sunny D.	Logan H.
Anna C.	Vito C.
Charlie R.	Rickie R
Harper A.	



Our 2 graduates of the program are **Emily D.** and **Juliette M.** who were awarded their golden duck.



The program *1,000 Books before Kindergarten* is designed to encourage early literacy skills for kids who have not yet entered kindergarten. The goal of the program is every time a child is read a story the guardian records the title in the reading log provided at the Mendham Borough Library. For every 25 books read, guardians along with the child can come to the library and pick up a rubber duck from our pond! Read the same book more than once? Record it each time. Books read at library story time, at daycare or by others to your child also count! Our program is ongoing and you may sign your child up at any time.

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)



JANUARY 2019 EVENING PROGRAMS

The Joy of
Backyard
Feeding
Wednesday,
January 16 @ 6:30 pm



Attracting birds is a great way to bring nature up close and provides hours of enjoyment. This program familiarizes participants in how to use bird feeders, food, water and shelter to best attract native birds. It will also cover how to discourage nuisance animals and how to make your property bird friendly. Please join Pete Axelrod, Education & Community Outreach Coordinator from Wild Birds Unlimited of Scotch Plains for this informative event. Registration is required. Sign up today!

Grand Central Terminals Railroads

Wednesday, January
23 @ 6:30 pm

New York City had two of the world's great railroad buildings. One was destroyed. What is Grand Central's



connection to the demolished Penn Station? Why is GCT a "Terminal"? The building tells interesting stories. Why are there acorns everywhere, incandescent light bulbs, and a slight depression in the floor of the Biltmore Room? Is there a secret staircase? Can you dance and play tennis? Where are the stairs and the nine-foot tall statue on 42nd and Park Avenue? Who was the "Commodore" and what connection does he have to a railroad? Come join Michael Czuchnicki as he answers all of these questions. Registration is required. Sign up today!

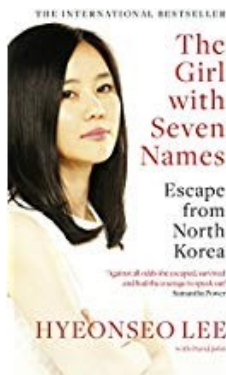
2019 DAYTIME ADULT PROGRAMS

BOOK CLUB

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 group meets at 10 am. The following dates are planned for Q1 2019:

January: 1/25 *The Girl With Seven Names* by Hyeonseo Lee
February: 2/22
March: 3/22



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 8:15 to 9:15 am

Start the year off right by learning ways to balance your mind and body. Payment and 2019 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.



Library Holiday

Closure

The Library will be closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on January 21, 2019.



Pronunciator

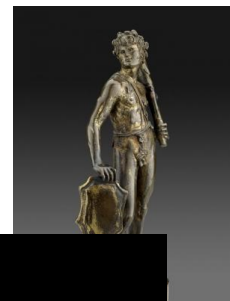
Did you make a New Year's resolution to expand your language skills? Try Pronunciator, the newest language learning electronic resource from



Mendham Borough Library! Learn 60 languages FREE with the world's largest language learning service. All you need is a Mendham Borough Library card and access to the Internet. To start using Pronunciator, go to Pronunciator.com and REGISTER (email/library card number). Next, look in your email, where you will receive an email with a temporary student ID and password. You may change it under your Account once you log in. Try it today!

Continuing in 2019 –Highly Popular 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, Frick Collection and Imagine That. 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 Books, Audiobooks & DVDS

Fiction

<i>Beauchamp Hall</i>	Steel, Danielle
<i>Eggs on Ice</i>	Childs, Laura
<i>Hazards of Time Travel</i>	Oates, Joyce Carol
<i>Homeward Hound</i>	Brown, Rita Mae
<i>In the Galway Silence</i>	Bruen, Ken
<i>Kingdom of the Blind</i>	Penny, Louise
<i>Look Alive Twenty Five</i>	Evanovich, Janet
<i>Master of His Fate</i>	Bradford, Barbara Taylor
<i>Night of Miracles</i>	Berg, Elizabeth
<i>Of Blood and Bone</i>	Roberts, Nora
<i>Pandemic</i>	Cook, Robin
<i>Pulse</i>	Harvey, Michael
<i>Target</i>	Patterson, James
<i>The Colors of All The Cattle</i>	McCall Smith, Alexander
<i>The Couple Next Door</i>	LaPena, Shari
<i>The Enemy of My Enemy</i>	Griffin, W.E.B.
<i>The Witch Elm</i>	French, Tana
<i>Tony's Wife</i>	Trigiani, Adriana
<i>Where the Crawdads Sing</i>	Owens, Delia

Non-Fiction

<i>Becoming</i>	Obama, Michelle
<i>Brief Answers to Big Questions</i>	Hawking, Stephen
<i>Cook Like a Pro</i>	Garten, Ina
<i>Essential Germany</i>	Fodor's Travel
<i>Find the Best Colleges for You</i>	U.S.News
<i>In the Hurricane's Eye</i>	Philbrick, Nathaniel
<i>Killing the SS</i>	O'Reilly, Bill
<i>Presidents of War</i>	Beschloss, Michael
<i>Ship of Fools</i>	Carlson, Tucker
<i>Surviving Mass Victim Attacks</i>	Jackson, Gary M.
<i>The Fifth Risk</i>	Lewis, Michael
<i>The White Darkness</i>	Grann, David
<i>This Will Only Hurt a Little</i>	Phillips, Busy
<i>Where We Go From Here</i>	Sanders, Bernie

Large Print

<i>A Christmas Revelation</i>	Perry, Anne
<i>Crisis</i>	Francis, Felix
<i>Long Road to Mercy</i>	Baldacci, David
<i>My Kind of Christmas</i>	Dailey, Janet
<i>You Don't Own Me</i>	Clark, Mary Higgins

Audiobooks

<i>Becoming</i>	Obama, Michelle
<i>Educated</i>	Westover, Tara
<i>Long Road to Mercy</i>	Baldacci, David
<i>Nine Perfect Strangers</i>	Moriarty, Liane
<i>Presidents of War</i>	Beschloss, Michael
<i>The Reckoning</i>	Grisham, John

DVD's

<i>Christopher Robin</i>
<i>Crazy Rich Asians</i>
<i>Skyscraper</i>

Too cold to leave the house this winter?



No need to miss an issue of the Economist or Good Housekeeping or any of the other 70+ magazines FREE online with RB Digital!

RB Digital, the world's largest newsstand, offers full color, interactive digital magazines for your enjoyment. Browse from your library's collection of popular titles with no holds, no checkout periods, and no limit to the number of magazines you can download. Using the personal account you will create, you will have the opportunity to check out the magazines you choose and read them instantly on your computer (both PC and Mac) or on a portable media device. Or, if more convenient, download the issues and read them offline. Just click on the RB Digital icon from the Mendham Borough Library webpage and have FREE access to over 70 magazines.

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 are walk-in unless otherwise noted.

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

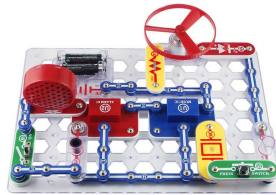
Mondays @ 3:30 pm (except 1/14)

Arts & crafts program which encourages creative expression.

Snap Circuit Workshop

Tuesdays @ 3:30 pm (except 1/29)

Snap Circuit Workshop blends elements of STEAM education and electricity into a fun, family-friendly program with over 100 experiments to partake in. Registration required. Open to children of all ages.



Homework Helper Program

Thursdays @ 3:30–8:00 pm

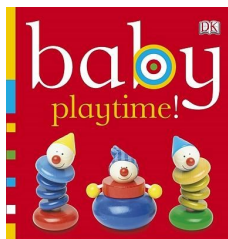
Register today to be paired with one of our volunteer library tutors. For tutoring or homework help, our high school volunteer tutors can offer their assistance in many subjects.

Homework Help

Baby Playtime

Fridays @ 10:30 am

Bring your baby or toddler to 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 birth to -5.



Fun & Games

Fridays @ 3:30 pm

A venue for your favorite board games and activities, including Legos.



Build-A-Pillow

Thursday, January 10th @ 3:30 pm

Create your very own wintry wondrous penguin pillow. Materials provided. Open to all ages. Registration required.

Kids Sewing Workshop

Monday, January 14th @ 3:30 pm

Join sewing expert Ellen Brown for a festive sewing and knitting program. Open to all ages. Registration required. Sponsored by the Mendham Alliance.

Read to a Dog

Thursday, January 24th @ 3:30 pm

Therapy dogs will be dropping in to promote early literacy and fun with animals. Open to all ages. Registration required.

Afternoon Movie:

Christopher Robin

Saturday, Jan 26th @ 12 pm

Winnie the Pooh ventures into London to turn a middle-aged Christopher Robin's life around with the help of Piglet, Eeyore, and Tigger. 120 minutes. Rated PG. Refreshments served.



Family Quilting

Tuesday, Jan 29th @ 3:30 pm

Decorate your very own quilt square. We'll be combining all the squares for a fun, friendly community quilt. Open to all ages. Registration required.

Learning Props Board Games

Introducing a new approach to education and fun, check out one of our new learning game kits. These kits are ready to play and come with all necessary materials. Designed to support school-readiness, language, and literacy skills. Now featuring: Body Parts, Count On Me!, Critters, Dress Up, Letters Aa-Zz, Patterns, Play Action, Shape Land, What Color Is It?, Where Will You Find Me?, and Which Way?

Events at Schiff Nature Preserve

See a complete listing and register on line

at www.schiffnaturepreserve.org or call 973-543-6004. If online registration is closed and you would like to register by email, please contact environmentaleducator@schiffnaturepreserve



January 9, 2019 (Wednesday) 10-11 am

Baby and Me Hike—Strap your little one in a baby carrier/ backpack, put on your walking shoes, and join us for a morning hike with other parents and caregivers at Schiff Nature Preserve. During this opportunistic hike we will travel one of the many beautiful area trails at Schiff while discussing seasonal occurrences and changes in nature. This program is an all weather event with the exception of thunderstorm or extreme wind chill temperature warnings. Weather cancellation notifications occur within 24 hours of the program start time. Preregistration required by January 8. Member fee is \$5. Non-member fee is \$7.

January 12, 2019 (Saturday) 7:00-8:15 pm

Gong Meditation—Surrender to deep relaxation at our monthly gong meditation. During these sessions, the gong is played for approximately one hour, and during that time, you will be immersed in a sonic bubble, enabling deep relaxation. Your body will experience gong tones in all tissues, fluids, and bones. This sound immersion is known to enable a miraculous state of being; feeling at one with the world around you. Bring your yoga mat, swing by, and experience something profound (and relaxing). Lauren Vasquez will lead your journey with her 30" Paiste Symphonic Gong. Space is limited. Advance registration is required by 1/11/19. Please register and pay at www.schiffnaturepreserve.org. Member fee is \$15. Non-member fee is \$20.

January 17, 2019 (Thursday) 4:00-5:30 pm

Family Time- Treats for the Birds—Make some nut-free treats for your backyard birds! Spend time learning about nature and making a simple craft with your little ones, and enjoy connecting with other local families. All materials will be provided. Member family/four fee is \$10. Non-member family/four fee is \$15. Preregistration required, 24 hours in advance.

January 20, 2019 (Sunday) 6:00- 7:30 pm

Full Moon Hike—The forest has settled into the rhythm of all. The length of the night has elongated allowing us to enjoy the forest in its quiet state. Join a naturalist as

Events at Schiff Nature Preserve (con't)

we hike 2 miles around the trails of Schiff to experience the magic of the forest. Member fee is \$10 each or \$30/ family. Non-member fee is \$15 each or \$45/non member family. Pre-registration required by January 19th.



Twelfth Night Christmas Tree Bonfire

Sunday, January 6th 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 6. 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

- 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 2019

Curbside Bulk Pickup

Mondays, January 7, 14, 21 & 28

Recycle - Thursdays, January 3 & 17

Board of Adjustment - Reorganizational Meeting at the Garabrant Center, 7:30 pm on Tuesday, January 8

Board of Health - at the Bowers Building, 7 pm on Wednesday, January 2

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

Environmental Commission - Reorganization Meeting at the Phoenix House, 7:00 pm on Thurs, January 17

Historic Preservation Commission - at the Garabrant Center, 7:30 pm on Monday, January 28

Open Space Advisory Committee - at the Phoenix House, 7 pm on Thursday, January 10

Planning Board Meeting - at the Garabrant Center, 7:30 pm on Monday, January 14

Recreation Meeting - at the Garabrant Cneter, 7:30 pm on Wednesday, January 9

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Help Wanted ~ 2019 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 2019. 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. 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 2019 and **do not** need to re-interview.



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