

The Mendham Messenger

January 2020

Mayor's Update

Dear Mendham Residents and Business Owners,

We are already off to a fresh New Year start celebrating the Roaring 20's again and we have some terrific plans for 2020.

First, I want to start off the year with gratitude for living in such a special and engaging town. Most importantly I want to thank all of you. Most of the work that gets done for our municipal government business is done through volunteerism. That doesn't include the residents that sit on our school boards, oversee our sport programs, help run our church programs, and so on. Thank you to those of you who have served, are serving, and have put community service at the top of your New Year's resolutions list.

I also want to send a special thank you to Borough Administrator Joyce Bushman and her entire team. It is our hardworking and diligent staff that have saved hardworking taxpayers over \$100,000 in 2019 by streamlining our phone system, implementing energy savings programs and reviewing and revising contracts.

Veteran's Affairs

As a former Marine, Councilman John Andrews is our very own Veteran's Affairs specialist. He and Councilman Steve Andrew have organized our Memorial Day Commemoration and the Pastime Club's Veteran's Day Celebration. John would like to me share with you that this year his not-for-profit, which benefits veterans, will be organizing a Veteran's banner drive. You may have noticed that other New Jersey towns have placed banners on their utility poles honoring their hometown Veterans. John will organize a similar program in the Borough, and he will be looking for banner sponsors. He has already begun the research to make certain that we leave no Veteran behind!

Historic Milestone!

One of the things so many people love about

Mendham is the historic aspects of our town. January ushers in a special opportunity to celebrate a piece of history: Robinson Drug and Compounding Center will celebrate their 150th anniversary! As a very young girl I remember my Grandparents taking me to Robinson's for ice cream sodas where we would sit and spin on the stools at the soda fountain. Robinson Drug Shop was established in 1870 by the Robinson family. It was first called Robinson & Garabrant, a general supply store. In the early part of the 1900s Leo Robinson became a pharmacist and turned Robinson & Garabrant into Mendham Pharmacy. When Leo Robinson's son Reggie took over the establishment he changed the name of the pharmacy to Robinson Drug Shop - and the name has been part of the establishment ever since. When it was time for Reggie Robinson to retire, he sold the pharmacy to the Graef Family. The Graef family managed Robinson's for a few years along with Reggie Robinson. In 1978, the Graef family decided to sell the business to Mr. Kenneth Hodge, D.Ph. Mr. Hodge was a huge advocate in establishing the Mendham Business Association and modern pharmacy practice. Upon Mr. Hodge's retirement, D.H. John Kim, PharmD, FAARFM took over the pharmacy on October 1, 2012. Dr. Kim has been modernizing the pharmacy services that Robinson Drug offers and it now includes full-service custom compounding, holistic pharmacy practice, wellness consultation, and specialty pharmacy services. Congratulations to Robinson Drug and Compounding Center and to everyone who has played a part in its remarkable history!

What's New

As usual I have too much to say for my little column. Please visit our website for wonderful news regarding our new Botti Pavilion and field.

Happy New Year to you all.

Christine Serrano Glassner
Mayor, Mendham Borough



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 2019, 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.

Greta A.	Nicholas K.
Soren A.	John K.
Rickie R.	Alyssa S.

Our 1 graduate of the program was **Logan H.** who was awarded his 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

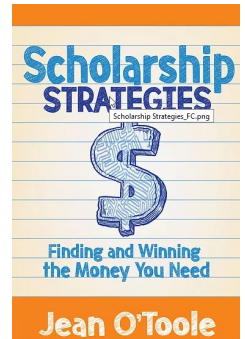
When Mendham Borough Schools have a delayed opening, the Library will open at 11 am and morning programs will be cancelled. The most up-to-date information on closings and delays will be posted on our website (mendhamboroughlibrary.org) and Facebook.



JANUARY 2020 ADULT PROGRAMS

College Scholarship Seminar Tuesday, January 14 @ 6:30 pm

Scholarship Expert, Jean O'Toole will show families how to take a strategic approach to applying for scholarships. Author of "Scholarship Strategies - Finding and Winning the Money You Need", she will discuss the myths and misconceptions about the scholarship process and help attendees identify which scholarships have the best chances of winning. For more information about Jean O'Toole visit www.connections101.com. Registration is required. Sign up today!



Cutting the Cable Cord

Wednesday, January 15 (snow date Wednesday, January 22)
2 sessions will be offered @ 1 pm & 6:30 pm



A (knowledgeable) Mendham Borough resident will be demonstrating a variety of ways to augment and/or reduce the cost of local cable TV service. He will be demonstrating Roku and Amazon Firestick to access streaming video services, a CableCard Tuner, a Digital TV Antenna and more. Learn how easy set up and everyday use can be! Registration is required. Sign up today!

All About Jam

Friday, January 24 @ 1:00 pm

Please come join the owner of *Jams by Kim* by Kim Kim Osterhoudt. *Jams by Kim* is an artisanal food company that produces all natural Jams, Jellies and Preserves. She will be providing samples of a variety of her jams and jellies as she discusses how she started her business. Registration is required. Sign up today!



2020 ADULT PROGRAMS

Cribbage

Wednesday, January 29 @ 6:30 pm

Cribbage is a card game traditionally for two players, although it can be played with three or four players. Players move through a succession of hands, accumulating points through two scoring stages (the play and the show). Cribbage was created in the 17th century in England. It was a common pastime for submariners during World War II. Join us at the library for an evening of cribbage for new and seasoned players. If you have a cribbage board, please bring it with you!



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 2020



January: 1/24 *The Heart of a Woman* by Maya Angelou

February: 2/28 *The Bluest Eye* by Toni Morrison

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.



Thank you Telecom Pioneers Chapter 99

The Mendham Borough Library would like to thank local resident Joe Robbins and the Telecom Pioneers Chapter 99 group for their grant which provided 2 new ipads and cases to the library. The new ipads will be used for our adult and youth programs.

Continuing in 2020 –Highly Popular FREE Museum Passes at the Library

Use your library card to get free museum passes! The library currently offers free museum passes for the Intrepid Air and Space Museum, Grounds for Sculpture (ending March 2020), 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!



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Thank you for being a loyal library cardholder of Mendham Borough Library! We are excited to announce a **new digital offering** for all our patrons. **hoopla** is an all-in-one media service where you can browse 700,000+ titles in six different formats—audiobooks, eBooks, comics/graphic novels, full music albums, movies, and TV—and instantly borrow, then download or stream, the titles of your choice! You can access the title you borrow instantly on your computer, tablet, or smartphone. **With hoopla, there are no holds or waiting!**

For more information please see more details on our website at Mendhamboroughlibrary.org. Feel free to contact us if you have any questions. Thanks again for your patronage and support. We hope you enjoy hoopla digital!



Library Holiday Closure

The Library will be closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on January 20, 2020.

New Books, Audiobooks & DVDS

Fiction

A Wedding In December
An Irish Country Family
Angel Eyes
Beating About the Bush
Brewed Awakening
Code of Honor
Criss Cross
Genesis
Minute to Midnight
Ninth House
Not the Girl You Marry
Nothing to See Here
Oppo
Scarlet Fever
Shatter the Night
Spy
Sword of Kings
The Confession Club
The Rise of Magicks
The Second Sleep
The Siberian Dilemma
The World that We Knew
Twisted Twenty-Six

Morgan, Sarah
 Taylor, Patrick
 Atkins, Ace
 Beaton, M.C.
 Coyle, Cleo
 Clancy, Tom
 Patterson, James
 Cook, Robin
 Baldacci, David
 Bardugo, Leigh
 Christopher, Andie J.
 Wilson, Kevin
 Rosenstiel, Tom
 Brown, Rita Mae
 Littlejohn, Emily
 Steel, Danielle
 Cornwell, Bernard
 Berg, Elizabeth
 Roberts, Nora
 Harris, Robert
 Smith, Martin Cruz
 Hoffman, Alice
 Evanovich, Janet

Non-Fiction

A History of New York in 27 Buildings
A Warning
Christmas Teatime
Do You Mind If I Cancel?
Finding Chika
Greetings From Bury Park
Hello, Cookie Dough
Me Elton John
Surviving Jersey
The Body: Guide for Occupants
The Other Side of the Coin
The Perfect Cookie
The Perfect Pie

Roberts, Sam
 Anonymous
 Hoffman Media
 Janetti, Gary
 Albom, Mitch
 Manzoor, Sarfraz
 Tomlan, Kristan
 John, Elton
 Sanders, Scott Loring
 Bryson, Bill
 Kelly, Angela
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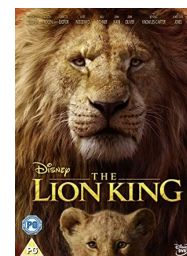
Non-Fiction (con't)

The Way I Heard It
Things My Son Needs to Know About the World
Three Days at the Brink
Threebirds Renovations

Rowe, Mike
 Backman, Fredrik
 Baier, Bret
 Cayless, Erin

DVDs

Game of Thrones Season 8
The Farewell
The Lion King
The Peanut Butter Falcon



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Kids Programs - Winter 2020

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 Miss Tina and friends for singing, dancing, games and a craft for ages birth to 5.



Girls Who Code—6th—12th Grade

Tuesdays from 4:00—5:30 pm

This program runs for 12 weeks beginning January 7th and is limited to 8 spots. Please email the Youth librarian Tina McMurray directly at tina.mcmurray@mendhamboroughlibrary.org

Girls Who Code—3rd—5th Grade

Wednesdays from 3:30—5:00 pm

This program runs for 11 weeks beginning January 8th and is limited to 8 spots. Please email the Youth librarian Tina McMurray directly at tina.mcmurray@mendhamboroughlibrary.org.

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. Ages birth to 5.

Kids-Only Yoga

Saturdays in January from 10:15—10:45 am

Ages 5+ - Limited to 12 participants

Come do some Yoga at the library! This program is limited to 12 children ages 5 and up. Must bring your own yoga mat. Registration is required.



Winter Sewing Workshop

Thursday, January 9th @ 3:30 pm

Ages 5+

Ms. Ellen returns with a fun new sewing project. Registration is required.

Read to a Dog

Monday, January 13th @ 3:30 pm

Therapy dogs will be dropping in to promote early literacy and fun with animals. All ages.

Star Wars/ Superhero Drawing Workshop

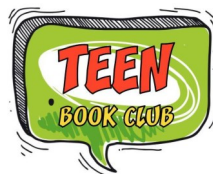
Thursday, January 16th

6:00 - 7:30 pm

Ages 8-14—Limited to 20 participants

Work along with comic book writer/artist Doug Baron as he demonstrates drawing some of your favorite Star Wars & Superhero characters. The students will draw along with Doug as he breaks down characters such as Darth Vader, Storm Troopers, Spider-Man, Batman, Hulk, etc...from basic shapes to completed forms. Along the way he will point out important aspects to consider such as guidelines, feature placement, expressions, lighting & shading, proportions, etc. Brief history and trivia questions will be touched upon where the students can earn funny money to win drawings as well. Registration is required.

This program is sponsored by the Catharine Hoffmann/Jane Moore Fund.



Teen Book Club

Thursday, January 23rd @ 6:00 pm

Six of Crows by Leigh Bardugo

Join Sophia for snacks and a discussion of some of the best YA/ Teen books. Copies of the current book are available at the library

Mindfulness Monday: Vision Boards

Monday, Jan 27th @ 3:30 pm

Ages 4+

A vision board is a collage of words and pictures that represent your goals, dreams, and things that make you happy.

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

Monthly Gong Meditation

January 11, 2020 (Saturday) 7:00- 8:15 pm

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, and experience something profound (and relaxing). Lauren Vasquez will lead your journey with her 30" Paiste Symphonic Gong. Space is limited - please register and pay at www.schiffnaturepreserve.org. Member fee is \$15. Non-member fee is \$20. Walk ins welcome.

Sunday Morning Fitness Hike

January 12, 2020 (Sunday) 8:00- 10:00 am

Come for a brisk 5- mile hike over varied terrain across Schiff Nature Preserve. Hikers meet at McVickers Brook parking lot at 239 Pleasant Valley Road, Mendham. Vaccinated dogs on leash are welcome. Free to members. Non- member fee is \$10. This program is an all weather event with the exception of thunderstorm or extreme wind chill temperature warnings. In the event of a cancellation, advance registration will ensure you receive a weather cancellation notice within 24 hours of the program start time. Walk ins welcome.

Singing Bowl Meditation with Ana Cecera

January 17, 2020 (Friday) 7:00- 8:15 pm

Come for a Himalayan Singing Bowl Meditation to restore and energize your emotional, spiritual, and physical bodies. Singing bowls are said to have been in use since 560 BC. Singing bowls produce sounds which invoke a deep state of relaxation which naturally assists on in entering into meditation. Bring a yoga mat, two pillows and a blanket so you can relax and enjoy the soothing sound of the singing bowls comfortably. We have chairs for those of you who prefer to sit. Member fee is \$25. Non- member fee is \$30. Advance registration required.

Events at Schiff Nature Preserve (con't)

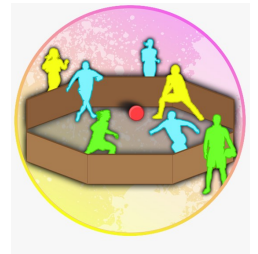
Yoga in Nature

January 26, 2020 (Sunday) 9-11 am

Join Yoga instructor, Lauren Vasquez (RYT-500) at Schiff Nature Preserve for this easy, outdoor yoga session, suitable for all levels of yoga practitioners. This class will take you through the beautiful landscapes of Schiff Nature Preserve and will include centering, meditation, pranayama (breathing), and asana (postures). You will return from this outdoor yoga session, renewed, refreshed, and grounded. Students should bring their own mat and wear comfortable clothing and walking shoes. Member fee is \$10. Non-member fee is \$15.

Mendham Borough Park gets a new GAGA PIT

Thanks to the efforts of Matt Kornick & Matt Cantale (with help from Recreation, DPW and the Mendham Borough Police Department) Mendham's Borough Park is excited to announce the opening of the new Gaga Pit. The Gaga Pit is located next to the basketball courts and was donated and built by Matt Kornick and Matt Cantale.



Hilltop Church "Lunch With Friends"

Hilltop Church is inviting anyone who would like a home cooked meal to come to *Lunch With Friends* on Wednesday, January 8th at 12:00 at Hilltop House 14 Hilltop Rd. Mendham. Doors open at 11:00. Lunch With Friends is held the second Wednesday of each month.

January is National Radon Action Month

The Bernards Township Health Department is pleased to announce the availability of radon detection canisters for residents of Bernards Township, Bernardsville Borough, Chester Borough, Mendham Borough, and Peapack and Gladstone Borough. To obtain your radon canister, please visit the Bernards Township Health Department at 262 South Finley Ave, Basking Ridge during the hours of 8:30am - 4:30pm. The cost is \$10, while supplies available.

Rabies Shot Clinics

Available for all Doge & Cats

Saturday, January 11th from 10 am–12 pm

Bernards Township Public Works Garage

277 S. Maple Avenue, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

No appointments necessary.

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Phoenix House
Mendham, NJ 07945

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Borough Calendar for January 2020

Curbside Bulk Pickup

Mondays, January 6, 13, 20 & 27

Recycle - Thursdays, January 2, 16 & 30

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

Board of Health - at the Bowers Building, 7 pm on Wednesday, January 8

Special Borough Council Reorganization Meeting - at the Mendham Fire House, 7 pm on Friday, January 3

ECOSST - Reorganization Meeting at the Garabrant Center, 7:30 pm on Monday, January 6

Historic Preservation Commission - Reorganizational Meeting at the Garabrant Center, 7:30 pm on Monday, January 20

Planning Board Meeting - at the Garabrant Center, 7:30 pm on Monday, January 13

Recreation Meeting - at the Garabrant Cneter, 7:30 pm on Thursday, January 16



Styrofoam Recycling Day

Saturday, January 11th, 2020

9 am—1 pm

Collection at Mendham Borough Public Works, 37 Ironia Road

For more details visit mendhamnj.org

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