

# The Mendham Messenger

July/August 2016

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## Mayor's Update

Dear Resident and Business Owner,

As most of you know by now, Police Chief Pasquale Liberto will be retiring at the end of January 2017. This allows all of us plenty of time to thoroughly consider how to replace Chief Liberto.

The options are many and include the following: 1) Promote from within; 2) Appoint an at-will Civilian Police/Public Safety Director; 3) Assess the possibility of performing a feasibility study on combining the Mendham Borough Police Department with the Mendham Township Police Department; 4) Do not appoint a Chief but rather appoint an officer in charge.

There are many advantages and disadvantages to these options and perhaps others that have not yet been identified. Promoting and appointing a Chief from within our existing department essentially "locks the governing body out" from having any flexibility to discipline a Police Chief for questionable performance. Did you know that, statutorily, once a Chief of Police is appointed it is very difficult to remove him or her, thanks to the Police Chiefs "Bill of Rights"? That law certainly doesn't give any flexibility to the Mayor or Council (present or future) on accurately measuring performance levels for the chief. A Civilian Police/Public Safety Director would, in fact, serve at the pleasure of and report directly to the Mayor and Council. A civilian police director would have extensive management and leadership experience.

There has been discussion over the years among elected officials and taxpayers over the merits of combining our police department with Mendham Township. This last was discussed in 2003 and that discussion was controlled with the assistance of incumbent police chiefs. Now, both Mendham Borough and Mendham Township have or will have open Chief positions, which allow open discussion to occur without the influence of an incumbent police chief with a personal agenda. Also, the selection of the consultant that performed the 2003 feasibility report that supposedly assessed the feasibility of combining the two

departments was severely tainted, which resulted in an incomplete report. Without an accurate, unbiased feasibility report done by a consultant selected objectively by all involved parties involving open, honest and fair negotiations, it would be difficult to say for sure if some sort of combination of the two police departments was economically feasible and whether or not our police services and public safety protection would improve or be negatively impacted under a combined scenario.

Unlike past promotional processes conducted for the Chief of Police where assessments were made by council sub-committees with recommendations made to the full governing body, this time around the process will be different. Deliberations on how to move forward in succeeding Chief Liberto will be done at regular open public meetings of the Mayor and Council that will include as much feedback as possible from members of the public.

Deliberations on this topic will be placed on the agenda for the Mayor and Council in the fall so that as many residents as possible can attend meetings to ask questions and express their opinions. If you would like to let us know sooner what direction you would like to see us proceed, please email me through Borough Clerk Margot Kaye at [mkaye@mendhamnj.org](mailto:mkaye@mendhamnj.org).

In other news, the Borough Council passed an ordinance that would allow outside dining as a conditional use within the Historic Business Zone and the East Business Zone. Details of this new program as well as the adopted ordinance can be obtained through the Borough Clerk's office.

Don't forget to check out the schedule in this issue and on our website for the outdoor summer concerts in the park. It is a great way to enjoy a summer evening.

Best wishes for a safe and enjoyable summer.

Sincerely,

Neil Henry  
Mayor, Mendham Borough



Mendham Borough  
LIBRARY

# News from the Mendham Borough Library

10 Hilltop Road 973 543-4152 [www.mendhamboroughlibrary.org](http://www.mendhamboroughlibrary.org)



MENDHAM BOROUGH LIBRARY

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June 2016

Dear Neighbor,

For more than a century, the Mendham Borough Library has been a vibrant part of Mendham life, growing along with our community from a small collection in one room to an annual circulation of over 40,000 items. We continue to work hard to keep up with changing needs and technology, and expand our offerings to meet the needs of our community.

Throughout our history, the library has enjoyed the generous support of Mendham Borough residents who recognize the value of our beloved library as more than technology and books, but also a place that offers a sense of community, learning, and growth with programs for all ages — from toddlers to seniors.

Residents can exercise their bodies and their minds with educational programs like story-time, book club, computer and iPad classes, bridge groups or yoga; enjoy entertainment with family movie nights and children’s sing-a-longs; or expand their creative horizons with coloring for adults, Legos, and Craft Club. And we are very excited to have expanded our Museum Pass Program to offer access to *The Guggenheim Museum, Imagine That!*, and *Grounds for Sculpture*, in addition to the *Intrepid Sea, Air, and Space Museum!*

However, unlike many community libraries in our area, the Mendham Borough Library is **NOT** a municipal library and therefore does not automatically receive a portion of your tax dollars for support. While the library does receive meaningful funds from the Borough of Mendham through municipal aid, it is unfortunately not enough to cover all of our operating expenses. A large portion of the library’s funding comes from donations from individuals and companies in the community.

**We rely heavily on the generosity of Borough residents to bridge the gap.**

Thanks to your past gifts we have been able to meet that challenge and continue to respond to community needs. We hope you’ve noticed that the books, materials, and programs the library offers have expanded significantly over the past few years. This is a direct result of your valuable support.

Our goal is to have something to offer every resident of Mendham. Your generous tax-deductible contribution will help us meet that goal, and keep our community library strong.

Sincerely,

**Richard A. Moore**  
President, Board of Trustees  
Mendham Borough Library

P.S. – Make sure to go to [mendhamboroughlibrary.org](http://mendhamboroughlibrary.org) to learn more about current happenings at the library, upcoming events, or to check out materials. You can also **donate online!**

#### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Jane Brooks, Rebecca Braun, Andy Carpenter, Rosemary D’Urso, Lynn Eberenz, Margie Gurnik, Marcy Kwiatkowski,  
Richard Moore, Celeste Moran, Marian Mundy-Hooper, Tricia Munley, Kathy Parker, Dan Schreiber

## 2016 LIBRARY ANNUAL APPEAL

Yes, I want to help the library.

- \$10 \_\_\_\_\_ purchases a children's book  
\$25 \_\_\_\_\_ buys a magazine subscription  
\$50 \_\_\_\_\_ buys an adult audiobook  
\$100 \_\_\_\_\_ buys two years of an HBO series  
\$200 \_\_\_\_\_ pays for a children's performer  
\$300 \_\_\_\_\_  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my tax deductible  
contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Make checks payable to:  
**Mendham Borough Library.**  
Make your gift count even more  
with a company match!



### Kids' Summer Programs

#### at the Mendham Borough Library

New this summer, children attending any program must be registered for the Summer Reading Program. Make sure your kids are part of the fun by signing them up today by calling 973-543-4152 or visiting [www.mendhamboroughlibrary.org](http://www.mendhamboroughlibrary.org). Programs are open to all ages unless otherwise noted.

#### Sing-A-Long for toddlers Mondays:

June 27, July 11, 18, & 25 @ 10:30 am

#### Craft Club Thursdays:

June 30, July 7, 21, & 28 @ 2 pm

Escape from the heat and learn some new, fun crafts at the library!

#### Exploring Artists Tuesdays:

July 5, 19, & 26 @ 2 pm

Learn about the world's best known artists' lives and some of their techniques.

## Kids' Summer Programs (con't)

### Pajama Storytime & Stuffed Animal

Sleepover Wednesday, July 6 @ 6 pm

Come to the library for a pajama bedtime story hour with your favorite stuffed animals. If you want, your animals can stay for a special sleepover adventure of their own!

### Late Night @ the Library: Wet & Wild

Friday, July 8 @ 7 pm

Prepare for a fun night filled with water balloons and other water games.

Registration required, open to incoming 3rd grade–8th grade.

### Bagels & Books: Family Book Club

Saturdays, July 9 & 23 @ 10:30 am

Read *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* by Kate DeCamillo (July 9) and *The Giraffe and the Pelly and Me* by Roald Dahl (July 23) as a family and come to the library for bagels and a fun discussion. Books will be available at the library.

### LEGO Club

Monday, July 11 @ 2 pm

Build LEGO creations with friends. Bring your imagination and we will provide the LEGOs.

### On Your Mark, Get Set, It's Magic

Thursday, July 14 @ 6 pm

Join magician Steve Woyce as he retells the famous story of *The Tortoise and Hare* with magic and fun!



### Lee's Circus Extravaganza

Monday, July 18 @ 2 pm

Join juggling expert Lee as he juggles balls, pins, spins plates, and even jumps rope on a unicycle!



### Family Movie Night

Wednesday, July 20 @ 6 pm

Enjoy the Michael Jordan classic *Space Jam* with friends while snacking on popcorn.

### Rizzo's Reptiles

Wednesday, July 27 @ 2 pm

Meet lizards, snakes and all other kinds of animals with our friends from Rizzo's.





## Adult Summer Reading Program

Exercise your mind and read! Our adult summer reading program is a great time to celebrate and explore mind expanding literature. Read or listen to any book and enter each week for a chance to win. The program runs from June 26th to July 30th. Two drawings will be held.



## Save the Date: Free College Financial Workshop



**Wednesday, September 28th at 7:00 PM**

Mendham Borough Library will again host a workshop on financing your child's college education with Mike Velasco, noted college expert. Learn how to send your kids to the school of their dreams without going broke, how to triple their eligibility for aid, and how to find little known scholarships and grants.

## Welcome New Library Staff Members

The Mendham Borough Library is pleased to welcome two new staff members, Marge Nyquist and Danielle Doyle. Marge Nyquist will work as the Head of Technical Services. Danielle Doyle is now editor of the Mendham Messenger and serves as the Adult Programs Director. Marge and Danielle may look familiar because both have worked at the library as volunteers. They began working in their new positions in May.

Looking to take out of town guests someplace interesting? The Library has free museum passes available.

### *Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum*

Pass admits up to 6 people.

### *Imagine That!*

Located in Florham Park.

The pass admits up to 4 people.

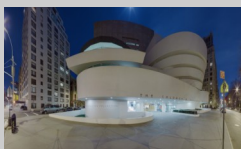


### *Grounds for Sculpture Museum*

Located in Hamilton, NJ. The pass admits up to 4 people.

### *Guggenheim Museum*

Head into NYC and enjoy some art. The pass admits up to 4 people.



More details regarding all passes available at the library.

## Bring Us Your Gently Used Books—The August Book Sale is Back



The library will be accepting donations of gently used books, audio-books and DVDs from August 1 to 6 for sale during our annual book sale. The sale will run from August 15 to August 31 in the Fletcher Gallery downstairs in the library. Stop in and check out a great selection of used items culled from our library collection and donated items. The sale includes all types of books, including children's picture books, junior fiction, adult fiction and non-fiction. It will also include selected audio-books and DVDs. The Book Sale will be held during regular library hours.

## Health Screenings Scheduled

Skin Cancer Screenings are scheduled for local residents who are not currently under the care of a dermatologist. The screenings will be conducted by a board certified dermatologist and will include a full body exam and prevention information. The screening will take place at Fellowship Village on Tuesday, July 19 from 2 to 6 pm and at the Bernards Township HEALTH Department Monday, July 25 from 3 to 7 pm. The suggested donation is \$10. Pre-registration and more information is available by calling (908) 204-2520 or visiting [www.bernardshealth.org](http://www.bernardshealth.org).

## Leaves & Grass Clipping Disposal Suggestions

It's best for your lawn to leave the clippings on the lawn after cutting. If you would rather bring them to the Department of Public Works, you can drop them off Monday to Friday from 7 am to 3:30 pm and Saturday 8 am to 3 pm, at the Public Works facility at 37 Ironia Rd. Do not mix grass clippings/leaves with branches and brush or with household garbage. Grass clippings and leaves will not be picked up at your home. Do not leave grass clippings/leaves at the curb. *Contractors are NOT allowed to dispose of this material at this site. They may dispose of the material at the County Disposal Facility in Mount Olive.* If you have additional questions, you can call the Department of Public Works at 973 543-6535.

# Solutions for Stormwater Pollution

Easy Things You Can Do  
Everyday to Protect Our Water

## A Guide to Healthy Habits for Cleaner Water

Pollution on streets, parking lots and lawns is washed by rain into storm drains, then directly to our drinking water supplies and the ocean and lakes our children play in. Fertilizer, oil, pesticides, detergents, pet waste: you name it, and it ends up in our water.

Stormwater pollution is one of New Jersey's greatest threats to clean and plentiful water, and that's why we're all doing something about it. By sharing the responsibility and making small, easy changes in our daily lives, we can keep common pollutants out of stormwater. It all adds up to cleaner water, and it saves the high cost of cleaning up once it's dirty.

As part of New Jersey's initiative to keep water clean and plentiful and to meet federal requirements, many municipalities and public agencies including colleges and military bases must adopt ordinances or other rules prohibiting various activities that contribute to stormwater pollution. Breaking these rules can result in fines or other penalties.



[www.cleanwaternj.org](http://www.cleanwaternj.org)



## Contact information

For more information on stormwater related topics, visit [www.njstormwater.org](http://www.njstormwater.org) or [http://www.state.nj.us/dep/dwq/msrp\\_home.htm](http://www.state.nj.us/dep/dwq/msrp_home.htm)

Additional information is also available at U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Website: [www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov)

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection  
Division of Water Quality  
Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control  
Municipal Stormwater Regulation Program  
(609) 633-7021

**As a resident, business, or other member of the New Jersey community, it is important to know these easy things you can do every day to protect our water.**

## Limit your use of fertilizers and pesticides

- Make sure you properly store or discard any unused portions.
- Do a soil test to see if you need a fertilizer.
- Do not apply fertilizers if heavy rain is predicted.
- Look into alternatives for pesticides.
- Maintain a small lawn and keep the rest of your property or yard in a natural state with trees and other native vegetation that requires little or no fertilizer.
- If you use fertilizers and pesticides, follow the instructions on the label on how to apply it correctly.

## Properly use and dispose of hazardous products

- Hazardous products include some household or commercial cleaning products, lawn and garden care products, motor oil, antifreeze and paints.
- Do not pour any hazardous products down a storm drain because storm drains are usually connected to local water bodies, and the water is not treated.
- If you have hazardous products in your home or workplace, make sure you store or dispose of them properly. Read the label for guidance.
- Use natural or less toxic alternatives.
- Recycle used motor oil.
- Contact your municipality, county or facility management office for the locations of hazardous-waste disposal facilities.



## Keep pollution out of storm drains

- Municipalities and other public agencies are required to mark certain storm drain inlets reminding people that storm drains are connected to local water bodies.
- Do not let sewage or other wastes flow into a stormwater system.



### **Clean up after your pet**

- Many municipalities and public agencies must enact and enforce local pet-waste rules.
- An example is requiring pet owners or their keepers to pick up and properly dispose of pet waste dropped on public or other people's property.
- Make sure you know your town's or agency's requirements and comply with them. It's the law. And remember to:
  - Use newspaper, bags or pooper-scoopers to pick up wastes;
  - Dispose of the wrapped pet waste in the trash or unwrapped in a toilet; and
  - Never discard pet waste in a storm drain.



### **Don't feed wildlife**

- Do not feed wildlife, such as ducks and geese, in public areas.
- Many municipalities and other public agencies must enact and enforce a rule that prohibits wildlife feeding in these areas.

### **Don't litter**



- Place litter in trash receptacles.
- Recycle. Recycle. Recycle.
- Participate in community cleanups.

### **Dispose of yard waste properly**

- Keep leaves and grass out of storm drains.
- If your municipality or agency has yard waste collection rules, follow them.
- Use leaves and grass clippings as a resource for compost.
- Use a mulching mower that recycles grass clippings into the lawn.



### **Summer in the Park 2016**

*by the Mendham Borough Recreation Department*

### **Drive-In Movie in the Park: *Field of Dreams***

Wednesday, July 27 at 8:15 pm

(Rain date–August 3)

Movie will be shown behind the Carriage House on Lower Baseball Field. \*\* Number of cars limited \*\*

### ***Concerts at the Gazebo***

#### ***Selected Sundays from 7 to 9 pm***

July 3      *Carnaby Street - 60s Pop/Rock Hits*

July 10     *Kimon & The Prophets - Blues/Rock*

July 24     *Larry Stevens - Pop Rock Hits*

July 31     *British Invasion Tribute*

*No rain date for July 3 concert.*

*Rain date for July 10 concert is July 17.*

*Rain date for July 24 & 31 concerts is August 7.*

### ***Mendham Summer Camp***

Don't miss out on Mendham's awesome annual summer camp in Borough Park. Mendham Day Camp welcomes school-aged children from the Mendhams. Sessions from 9 am to 12:30 pm each weekday are held for 6 weeks starting on June 27 and finishing the week of August 1 for children in Kindergarten to 6<sup>th</sup> Grade. Weekly themes this year include Opening Olympic Week, Super "Cool" Science Week and Carnival of Creativity Week. Activities will include field day competitions, waterslides, visits from the fire truck, and an end-of-the-summer talent show. For more information and signups, visit [www.mendhamdaycamp.com](http://www.mendhamdaycamp.com).



### ***Labor Day Weekend***

The annual carnival and parade are in the planning stages now. The carnival is set to begin on Friday, September 2 in Borough Field. The parade will begin on Monday, September 5 at 10 am from the corner of Cold Hill and East Main Street. If you are interested in joining in the parade, please contact Bruce DiBesceglie, Director of Recreation at [bruce@mendhamnj.org](mailto:bruce@mendhamnj.org).

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## **Borough Calendar for July 2016**

### **Curbside Bulk Pickup**

Tuesday, July 5 and Mondays, July 11, 18 & 25

**Recycle** - Thursdays, July 7 & 21

**Board of Adjustment** - at the Garabrant Center,  
7:30 pm on Thursday, July 7

**Borough Council Meeting** - at the Garabrant Center,  
8 pm on Monday, July 18

**Environmental Commission** - at the Phoenix House,  
8 pm on Thursday, July 21

**Historic Preservation Commission** - at the Phoenix  
House, 7:30 pm on Monday, July 18

**Open Space Advisory Committee** - at the Phoenix  
House, 7 pm on Thursday, July 14

**Planning Board Meeting** - at the Garabrant Center,  
7:30 pm on Monday, July 11

**Recreation Commission** - at the Phoenix House,  
7:30 pm on Wednesday, July 13

## **Borough Calendar for August 2016**

### **Curbside Bulk Pickup**

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

**Recycle** - Thursdays, August 4 & 18

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

**Borough Council Meeting** - at the Garabrant Center,  
8 pm on Monday, August 15

**Historic Preservation Commission** - at the Phoenix  
House, 7:30 pm on Monday, August 15

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

**Recreation Commission** - at the Phoenix House,  
7:30 pm on Wednesday, August 17

*Town Offices will be closed  
Monday, July 4 and Monday, September 5.*

## **Notice to Public From the Mendham Borough Police Department**

The Mendham Borough Police Department is notifying the public that there has been a large increase in high-end motor vehicle thefts throughout Northern New Jersey. They are urging everyone to keep their vehicles locked at all times and to report any suspicious activity to the Police Department **immediately** by calling 973-543-2527. They are also recommending to remove all valuables from the vehicles at night, including keys, wallets, purses, cash, electronics, etc.