

The Mendham Messenger

June 2020

Mayor's Update

Dear resident and business owner,

How are you doing? We hope you are well and hanging in there. Here are some things we have been up to: we co-sponsored a blood drive with Mendham Township, hosted a food drive for the Chester Food Bank, held a virtual roundtable with some of our small businesses, passed business friendly resolutions to help our struggling small businesses, and held a virtual roundtable with our local real estate firms. We continue to tap our creativity in trying to serve our community to the best of our abilities. A reminder: if you are looking for critical information to guide you during this emergency our website has phone numbers, email addresses, and websites to help you with your needs during this time.

This *Mendham Messenger* is dedicated to all our graduates. We know that this is not fair, we know that you all deserve to have your 4th grade clap out, 8th grade graduation, High School graduation, and your College graduation. You held up your part of the bargain and did what you were supposed to do. Although you have some fun memories from the last four years, we know that you and your family counted on special celebrations to memorialize all that work, to say farewell to the past, and to jump into your future. As a parent of a high school senior, it is not easy to write this tribute. Having the right words is difficult since no words will comfort, validate, or lift your spirits. We live in a wonderful community but that does not diminish how disappointed you may feel. We get that. COVID-19 may have taken away your graduation celebrations, but you must not let it take away your dreams.

What we can do is acknowledge your accomplishments. Every ball hit, every goal scored, every footprint left. We honor you for every test you took, paper you wrote, even for the homework you didn't finish! We honor you for every time you planted a flower at the library, sold a pumpkin in front of King's, or talked us into buying another box of cookies or popcorn. All the

garbage and cigarette butts you picked up at the Mountain Valley pond, we noticed. Every note sung, every string plucked, all the grease paint smeared...we thank you for your efforts. We have been there with you through your laughter and silliness, your naughtiness when you wouldn't listen, your anger and frustration when things didn't go your way. As a community, we have been there with you every step of the way - cheering you on and feeling your glory and your pain.

As family, friends and neighbors we can also honor this important milestone by showing our school colors. Hilltop and Mountain View's colors are blue and gold and Mendham High School's are blue and red. You can rummage through your scrap bin and hang some ribbons on your old oak tree. Find some scrap fabric and make a rag wreath for your front door. Find out the college your neighbor is graduating from and make a Congrats Grad 2020 sign to put on your front door. We can all show a little support from our own yards by saying **Congratulations to our Mendham Graduates** in our own homemade way.

Coming up:
Revitalizing Scott Farm and how you can get involved this summer.

Healthy Regards to you all,

Christine Serrano Glassner
Mayor

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- MENDHAM 6 FEET APART
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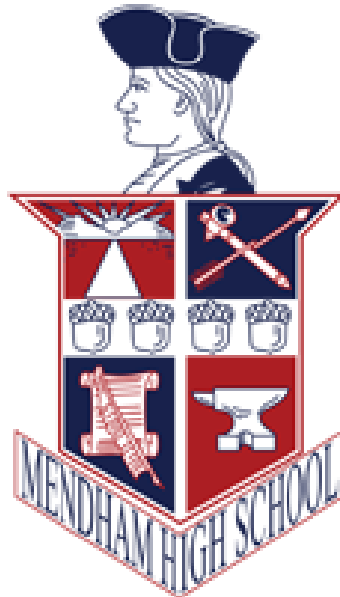


Congratulations
to all our
Mendham
Borough
Graduates!



**West Morris Mendham
High School Graduates**

Johan Abbott, Steven Ackerman, Katelyn Alpert, Cole Bartzak, Ryan Bartzak, Joseph Bradley, Michael Braurman, Anna Brodhead, Ryan Bruin, Dylan Byrne, Kiersten Callahan, Natalia Cano, Amanda Cantale, Matthew Cantale, Angelina Carratie, Lauren Castignetti, Ethan Coutts, Vincenzo Czarecki, Olive D'Agostino, Brandon Dilemma, Elizabeth Drew, Aubrey Egerter, Jacqueline Egerter, George Epitropakis, Collin Euwino, Rory Ewing, Michelle Fanelli, Sophia Farlekas, Nicholas Fowler, Aidan Gautieri, David Gill, Sophia Glassner, Natalie Greco, Jesse Hafemeister, Sara Hafemeister, Regan Hakes, Rhys Heraghty, Matthew Higgins, Elliot Jang, John Jennings, Hunter Johnson, Ryan Kear, Gregory Kerr, Emily Kornick, Matthew Kornick, Anneka Lambert, Timothy Lanahan, Gabriel Levey, Kayla Lloyd, Monica Louka, Corinne LoVecchio, Jaclyn Lupo, Antonina Maresca, Sean Mason, Claudia McConnell, Jared McGuinness, Jennifer McManus, Tristan Navarino, Emma Norton, Michael Oram, Samuel Papier, Spencer Papier, Sebastian Pereira, Zachary Peroncik, Adriana Piscoya, Ava Racioppi, Elisabeth Sauerman, Jane Schreibman, Zachary Skuraton, Joshua Sloan, Lynn Slutsky, George Smith, Nicholas Spinella, Aidan St Germaine, Iris Stankic, Larissa Stohlmann, Shannon Timoney, Nicholas Vitebsky, Alec Vorcheimer, Melissa Wade, Casey Warcola, Jason Zelaya



**Mountain View Middle School 8th Grade
Graduates**

Abigail Acevedo, Alexandra Bayer, David Braun, Kate Byrne, Tristan Caminiti, Griffin Coutts, Charlotte Fourie, Mary Hall, James Harley, Rachel Havey, Daniel Jamer, Owen Kilmer, Josiah Kraft, Stephanie Lau, Anthony Louka, Lily Lowe, Luc Mariani, Brynn Merklinger, Alexa Minhas, Brandon Mohs, Anthony Monterroso Velasquez, Noah Nakaseko, Katherine Napolitano, Brennan Nutt, Elizabeth Parker, Avery Parrinello, Kendall Payne, Adeline Perkins, Gabriella Petrucci, Shayna Petrucci, Robert Raimondo, Ryan Raimondo, Raaghav Reddy, Caitlin Rooney, Tyson Ross, Rachel Rounseville, Catherine Rudd, Patricio Santoyo-Alanis, Elizabeth Scharfenberg, Julia Schoenbrodt, Anna Simonsen, Samantha Slogoff, Danica Sorge, Nunzio Sullivan, Evelyn Telloni, Isabel Varela, Tyler Vitebsky, Zadie Weaver, Andrew Zaybekian, Maya Zervigon, James Zupa

**Hilltop Elementary School 4th Grade
Graduates**

Sidney Adams, Patrick Adinolfi, Valentina Alvarez, Lucas Antoniello, Reece Cantafio, Fiona Carty, Brandon Catalini, Jacob Caulfield, Dominick Cerchio, Blake Charlesworth, Maxwell Cirillo, Alan Curtil, Ella D'Aquanni, Tyler D'Avi, Emma Del Vento, Rayan Echariti, Mallory Fisher, Sarah Fourie, Beckett Geller, Dylan Geller, Madison Gillard, Gavin Gilleece, Clayton Gladhill, Mara Goldstein, Benjamin Harrelson, Nikola Hill, Jackson Idle, Isabella Infante, Abigail MacCarter, William Markwick, Veda Mathur, Emma Maurer, Patrick McChesney, Luke Merklinger, Audrey Morris, William Morris, London Morton, Isla Muir, Connor Mullany, Keira Mullee, Michael Nakaseko, Kaitlyn Niemczyk, Nathaniel Perkins, Matthew Pini, Aaron Pit, Ella Pit, Luke Simonsen, Amanda Sorge, Michaela Stephenson, Colette Strange, Zoe Valianatos, Michael Vitebsky, Mark Walsh, Christopher Water



Mendham Borough

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News from the Mendham Borough Library

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Message from the Mendham Borough Library Board of Trustees

The Mendham Borough Library is an association library, not a municipal institution. That means that while we do get some funding from the Borough, we rely on donations from the community to help sustain our programs. This is the time of year when we usually send out a plea asking for your support, but in light of the pandemic we thought it best to postpone our appeal while everyone focuses on their health and families. We wanted instead to take this opportunity to share with you how the library continues to serve the community during the lockdown.

We wanted to focus on two primary goals once it was evident the doors would have to close: maintaining job security for all employees and remaining a resource for the community. We are proud to say that all staff are still being paid while working primarily from home and only coming to the library safely as needed. Staff members help residents get new library cards, create content for the website, and help users with information among other tasks. They also reach out to some of our more vulnerable library patrons just to say hello and see how they're doing.

As to the second goal, the library not only remains a resource but has expanded its offerings on virtual platforms. The library has committed additional funds from our budget to accommodate an increase in Cloud Library and Hoopla users. Cloud Library is a digital collection of eBooks and audiobooks where users can now borrow up to 10 books at a time. Hoopla is a digital media service that allows users to borrow movies, music, and TV shows as well as eBooks.

While the library can't offer all of the programs that were previously held in person, we have purchased a Zoom account to offer virtual programs. Yoga is a paid program offered twice a week. Because we aren't constrained by physical space, we can now offer yoga to

anyone who wishes to participate. Our monthly Adult Book Club is now meeting virtually on the fourth Friday of each month. While the library is closed, only titles available as eBooks in Cloud Library are chosen for discussion.

Tina McMurray, Head of Youth Services, is providing an abundance of content for your kids. She has created virtual Escape Rooms, Monday Morning Sing Alongs, and a video tour of her home garden. Recently Miss Tina started making and sharing STEM videos instructing kids in fun and educational activities like making rice dance and creating fireworks in a jar. Staff member and high school student Sophia Buonvolanta is providing video book reviews of YA novels for teens.

Visit the Mendham Borough Library website for more information about all of the virtual content available to you. If you don't have a library card or need to renew an expired card, contact our wonderful staff via email and they will be happy to issue you a card. Be sure to follow the library on Facebook and Instagram. For any questions or information, you can always email the library at circ-mnb@mainlib.org.

We hope you appreciate the importance of the Mendham Borough Library to our community. Please take advantage of the myriad of virtual materials and activities the library is providing while you and your family are home bound. Library Director Jan Perrier is creating a plan to open safely as soon as we can and we look forward to seeing you in person then.

Thank you for your past support and we'll reach out again later in the year. Of course, feel free to show your support anytime by sending a check or clicking the Donate button on our website!

Stay safe until we see you again!

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Need help? Email your questions to circ-mnb@mainlib.org

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